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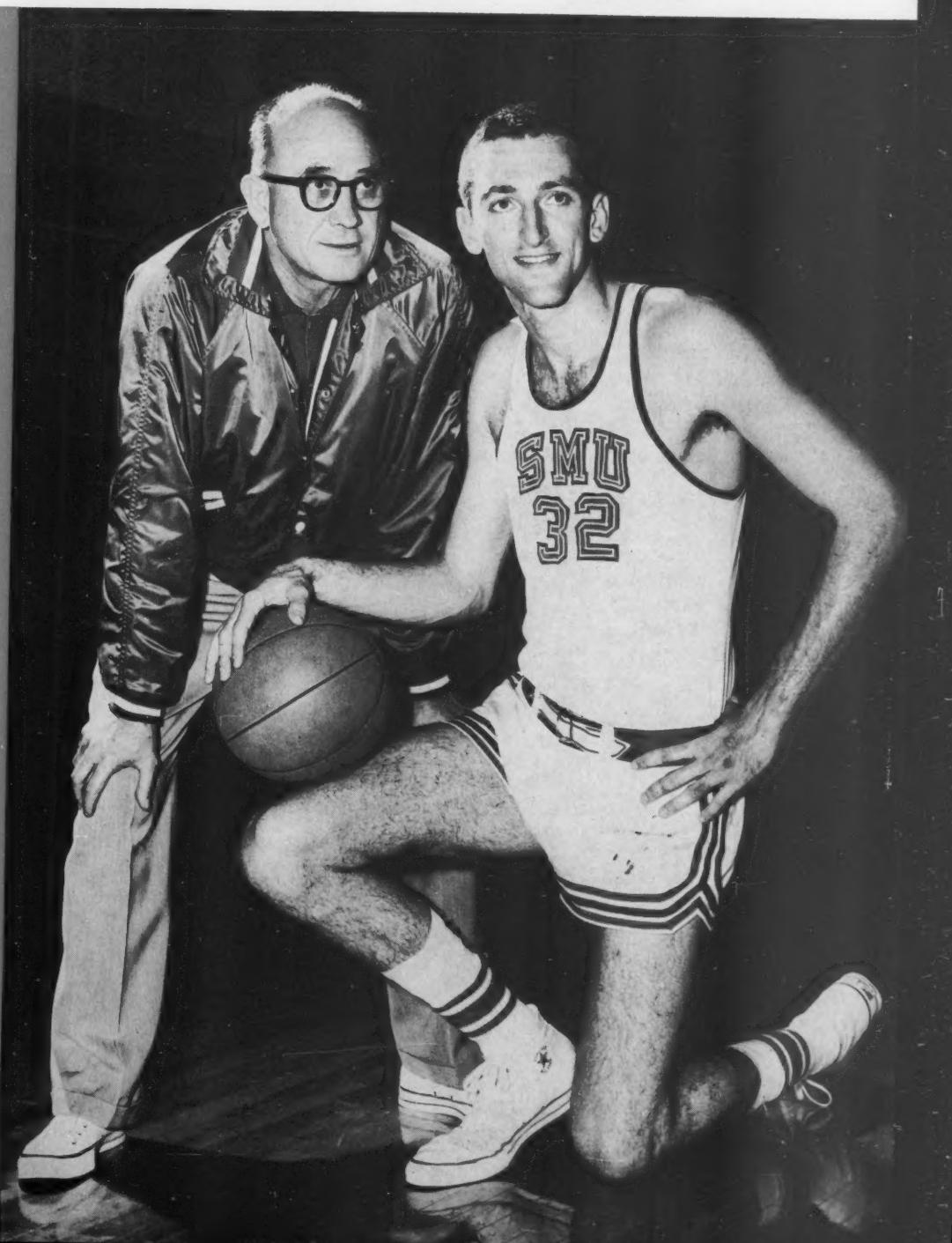
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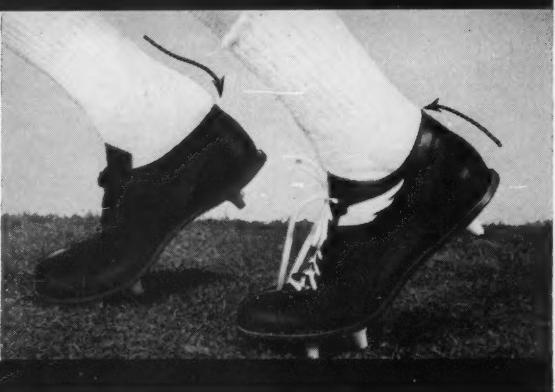
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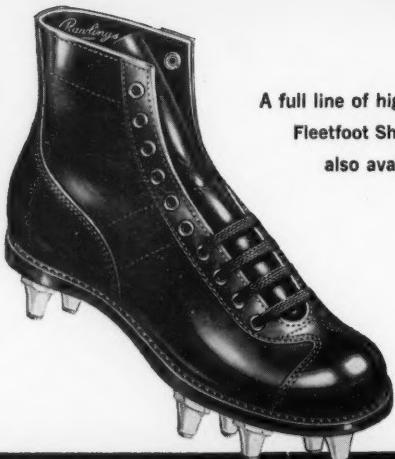


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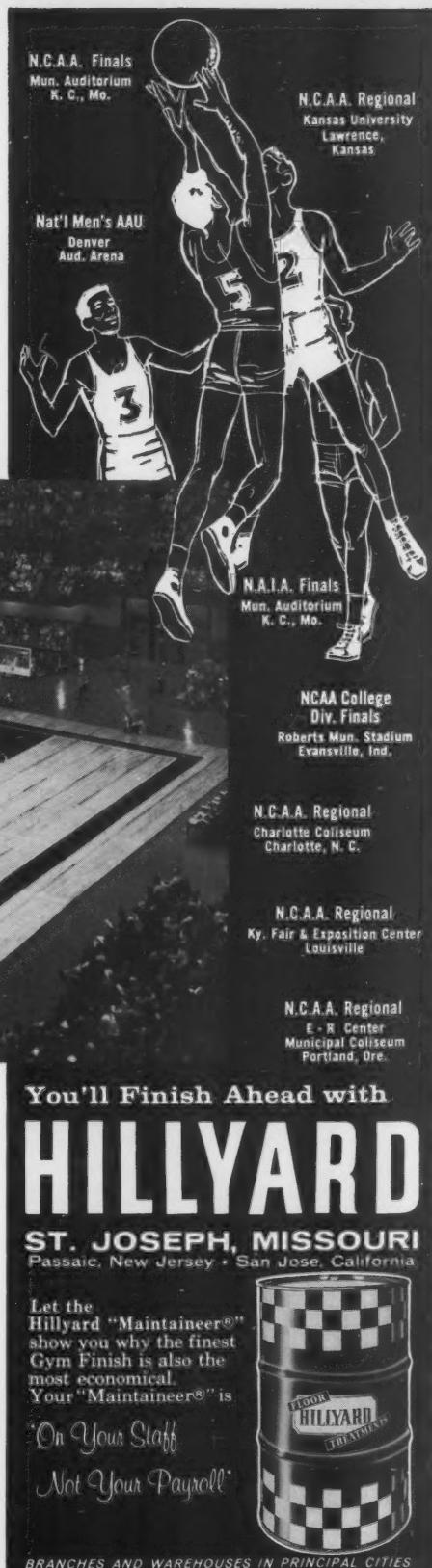
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CAMPUS CLOSE-UP



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NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

By DAVID F. FORD



The Old Main building.

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE, celebrating its centennial year during 1960-61, is an independent, church-related college that has, along with Illinois and the vast metropolitan area of Chicago, expanded rapidly over the past decade.

Born in Plainfield, Ill. in 1861, under the name of Plainfield College, the school's first graduating class in 1866 had five students.

In 1864 the school changed its name to North-Western College, which it retained until 1928 when the name North Central was adopted.

It moved to Naperville, Ill., 25 miles west of Chicago, in 1870, where it has grown and prospered under the generous contributions of friends and residents.

The founding fathers, members of the Evangelical Association, were preacher-teachers, and desired for the students of the area a center of higher education, guided by Christian atmosphere.

As was the policy established in 1861, the desire of the school officials today is to provide a cultural and liberal higher education guided by the atmosphere of a Christian institution.

Today, North Central encompasses 15 buildings on 45 acres spread over three tree-shaded campuses.

A new president, 36-year old Dr. Arlo L. Schilling, former assistant superintendent of schools in Elkhart, Ind., was named this year and has already breathed new life into the college.

FACILITIES

A \$400,000 two-story student union building was just completed, giving the student body as well as the faculty and outside guests a natural meeting place on campus.

The Union provides food service in a snack bar-type operation on the main floor as well as a dining-meeting arrangement on the second floor.

Recreation rooms, a TV room, and various meeting rooms in the basement provide space for the students to congregate and relax.

A beautiful College and Seminary Library, built in 1954 in conjunction with Evangelical Theological Seminary, which adjoins the North Central campus, is another of the more recent additions to the campus. It has space for 140,000 books and serves in a literary capacity to townspeople and faculty as well as students.

Seager Residence Hall (1954) and Geiger Hall (1957) have been added in the past few years to supply badly needed dormitory space for men, while Kroehler South (1948) and Kroehler North (1956) provide living space for women.

The Goldspohn and Alumni Science halls, built in 1908, the Barbara Pfeiffer Memorial Hall, built in 1923, and the Old Main building, constructed when the school moved to Naperville in 1870, round out the complement of college buildings.

One of the school's proud heritages is Merner Gymnasium and Fieldhouse, built in 1930. Containing a dirt floor, cinder track, tennis courts, a movable basketball floor with elevated bleachers along one side, Nichols Hall (the women's gymnasium), a stage, kitchen, offices, classrooms, a handball court, boxing and wrestling room, individual gyms for men, and a swimming pool with underwater lighting, it is one of the finest and earliest such structures on a small college campus in the United States.

ACADEMIC COURSES

One of the many private liberal arts colleges circling Chicago's metropolitan area, North Central has put into operation many programs which should bring it to the top as one of the outstanding schools.

One is an honors program which provides scholarships up to \$800 to students who rank in the upper 10 percent of their high school classes.

By passing certain placement tests at high levels, freshmen can enroll for intermediate courses in subjects such as mathematics and chemistry, with continued development on advanced grade levels, guided by selective faculty guidance and a chance for independent study.

The North Central curriculum, broad in scope, yet pinpointed in excellence in many fields, is one of the finest in the area.

There are the departments of art and design, biological sciences, chemistry, classics, economics and commerce, education, English, geography, German, history, home economics, mathematics, music philosophy, physical education for men and for women, physics, political science, psychology, religion, romance languages, sociology, and speech. Both the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees are offered, as well as those of Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education.

North Central also works in close conjunction with professional schools in preparing students for professions, such as medical technology, nursing, engineering, social work, law, and medicine.

Summer and night classes provide courses for commuting students in need of special areas of study.

The school also brings cultural enrichment to the area with the sponsorship of a number of annual artists series convocations, which are open to the public as well as to the students and faculty.

The city of Naperville is a quiet residential community, which itself has supplied a background of cultural and historical achievement to the western suburbs of Chicago.

Dr. C. Harve Geiger, after whom the most recent men's dormitory was named, was president for 14 years. He retired July 1, 1960.

Throughout its 100 years, North Central has had only seven presidents. All were men of vast ability and all provided enrichment for the college and the community. The college's first president was A. A. Smith, whose great-



The college and seminary library



Cardinals battle Carroll College in spacious Merner Fieldhouse



The old and new is depicted by Geiger Hall on the left, a men's dormitory built in 1957, and Kaufman Hall, on the right, a men's residence hall erected in 1928.



North Central's John Turpin races for a touchdown against Millikin University. Turpin was selected co-Most Valuable Player in the College Conference of Illinois and was named by his teammates as North Central's most valuable in 1960.



The football coaching staff is composed of (left to right): Joe Maze, line coach; head coach Jesse Vail; assistants Jack Nothacker and Don Kroening. Nothacker, a small-college All-American end in 1959, and Kroening are both former North Central players, now assisting on a part-time basis.

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

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great-grandson is now an instructor in religion at the college.

ATHLETICS

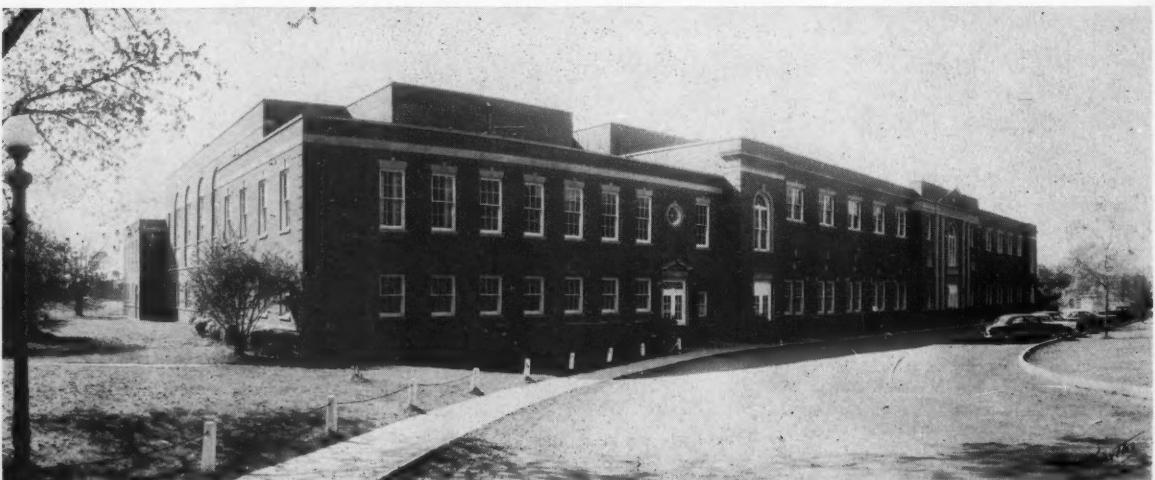
Keeping pace with the physical and academic growth of the college is the athletic program.

The past 10 years have placed the Cardinal teams on a sound financial basis and have produced competitive sportsmanship among individual team members on the eight teams sponsored by the school. Operating on a well-balanced program, the college's athletic physical facilities have developed to a point where they are equal to any in the area. There is intercollegiate competition in football, basketball, baseball, track, cross country, golf, tennis, and swimming.

The Cardinal gridsters, under the direction of **Jesse Vail** since 1956, finished first in the College Conference of Illinois during the past season after second and third place finishes respectively in 1958 and 1957. This was North Central's first grid championship since 1947. Vail has amassed a 26-16-2 record since assuming the head football reins five years ago. He has relied almost entirely upon part-time assistants to help him in the job of preparing the Cardinal gridders for their tough nine-game schedule.

Joe Maze, a former high school coach, now director of the physical education program for the East Side School District No. 131 in nearby Aurora, has been line coach for the Cardinals since 1953.

Jack Nothacker, who was selected to the small college All-American team as an end during the 1959 campaign, served as a part-time assistant



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during 1960, as did **Don Kroening**, another member of the Cardinal grid squad until an injury ended his career in the 1959 season.

North Central's 7-6 victory over Wheaton College last fall was the first since 1947.

Gordon R. Fisher, one of Vail's predecessors, served as advisory coach to the track squad from Thailand in the 1960 Olympic games in Rome.

Fisher was football and track coach for 18 years at North Central before leaving to accept the track coaching position at Indiana University, where his squads have faired well in Big 10 competition.

North Central grid squads won the conference championships in 1946 and 1947, the first two years of the CCI. They failed to turn the trick again until 1960.

In 1916 and 1917, however, under coach **Clint Osborne** and **Fred Kluckhohn**, respectively, the North Central gridsters finished with 7-1-1 and 6-1-0 records to win state championships.

Kluckhohn was one of North Central's earlier football stars.

The cagers, under the skillful coaching of **W. E. (Bud) Burger**, tied for the CCI basketball crown in 1959-60 and finished second the year before.

They have played in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics tournament both years.

Burger, a native Illinoisan, served as assistant coach at Duke University, and as head coach at Campbellsville (Ky.) Junior College and Chipola Junior College in Marianna, Fla., and as assistant coach and trainer under the famed Adolph Rupp at Kentucky before coming to North Central.

High in the basketball annals of the school is **Bill Warden**, who rewrote the record books between 1951 and 1955. The only Cardinal hoopster to gain Little All-American, Warden scored 2,249 points during his career at North Central.

His 52 points in one game still

stands as a North Central record.

Particularly impressive in the North Central picture, however, have been the Cardinal swimming teams, now coached by **Dr. E. W. Giere**. Two swimmers from this team represented their nations in the Olympic swimming competition in Rome last summer.

Dick Blick of Bakersfield, Calif., represented the United States on the 800-meter freestyle relay team; and **Ruben Roca**, of Santiago, Cuba, represented his country in the 100 and 400-meter freestyle events. Blick was a gold medal winner at Rome in his event.

Dr. Harold Henning, a Naperville dentist who graduated from North Central in 1941 and served as the school's swimming coach from 1949 until Giere took over in 1954, was also an Olympic caliber swimmer. It was under Henning's guidance that Blick advanced to the Olympic slot.

Henning, an outstanding AAU swimmer, NCAA medalist, qualified for the Olympic squad of 1940 only to have the Games cancelled that year.

He still serves in an advisory coaching capacity at North Central.

He is a member of the national AAU swimming committee and has served previously on the Olympic swimming committee.

The swimmers have won 11 consecutive CCI championships, and in the past five years have racked up such other records as: first in the Central Senior AAU meet, three times; first in the Midwest Invitational meet, three times; first in the Loyola Relays, twice; first in the Senior Open AAU, once; and first in the NAIA championships once, with two second place finishes.

Lester C. Belding serves as athletic director and track and cross-country coach, while Burger is the baseball coach, **Robert Dexheimer** serves as coach of tennis, and Vail as golf coach.

North Central officials have made concerted efforts during the past few years to win the confidence and support of the community of Naperville. During the past five years this attempt has become evident as the residents of the community become more and more interested and excited about

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Dr. Harold W. Henning (center) is surrounded by **Dick Blick** (left) and **Ruben Roca** (right) who are the co-captains of the 1960-61 team. **Blick**, from Bakersfield, California, won a gold medal in the 1960 Olympics in Rome, swimming as a member of the winning 400-meter freestyle relay team. **Roca**, of Santiago, Cuba, represented his country in the 100 and 400 meter freestyle individual events in Rome.

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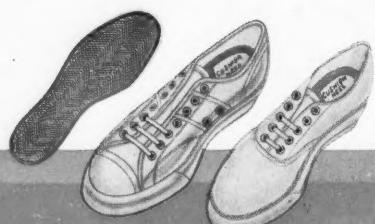
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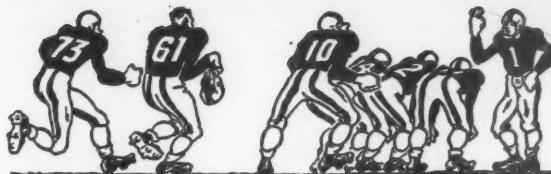
THIS PAST YEAR has produced more thrilling "down to the wire" games, in both football and basketball, than any previous year in the memory of this column. Many games have been decided in the last minute or by the last play.

The year has also produced the worst rash of poor sportsmanship since the "old days" when throwing sand in opposing linemen's eyes was considered clever. The great pressure on winning has placed pressure on the coaches' behavior. Only the genuine sportsmen and true gentlemen can control their behavior and language under this pressure. The "make believers" crack under the stress and expose their inner selves by indiscreet quotes made in haste and in anger. The losing coaches' favorite alibi is the poor official. Public criticism of the officials and the opposing coach is giving a new image to the coach and the game. It is not a good image and the Southeastern Conference is considering a "gag rule" to prohibit coaches making public criticism of the officials and each other. The Southwest Conference already has such a rule.

The high school coaches are setting a good example of sideline and post-game behavior, but the college coaches are not following the lead. Some of the college coaches are acting like juveniles, while the high school coaches are acting like we think the college coach should act. Not all college coaches are guilty of poor sportsmanship — not even a majority of them are guilty. This points up how the behavior of a small minority can stigmatize the whole profession and do a grievous injustice to the game, the players and the institution he serves.

The attitude of officials is well expressed by one of their members, who said: "The officials are tired of being the goat for a losing coach. We make mistakes, and plenty of them. But usually when a coach squawks he is in the wrong, and people of good reputation and good name are not going to have their integrity questioned."

"They will get out first. You'll wind up with officials who do the job for a living rather than as a hobby, as most



of us do. Then you let yourself in for real trouble.

"The coaches don't even know the rules, and each year when we have our meeting on rules, they don't bother to attend. Only one or two headcoaches ever show up, and then if they stay over an hour it's an upset.

"Good officials aren't going to continue to take unjust criticism. First of all, a coach is prejudiced toward his own team, and second, he is not in a condition to make a rational statement on officiating immediately after a game.

"I think a so-called 'gag rule' would be good for the game and good for the coach, who after all is under tremendous pressure and needs to be protected from himself at that time.

"Anyway, we're tired of being used as a device to get coaches off the hook with their alumni."

Of course, it would be better if coaches would be strong enough to discipline themselves. If some cannot do this, then the "gag rule" should be imposed to protect the other coaches and the game.

MEMO TO FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE: We are asking for information regarding the rule whereby the home team has the choice of colors. Last season, the University of South Carolina played Maryland in College Park, Maryland. Both teams showed up in white uniforms. South Carolina being the visiting team had to change to another color. Maryland was gracious enough to provide uniforms from their equipment room, but many of them were misfits for the Carolina players. It seems logical to us that the home team should be the one to change since it would result in less inconvenience and confusion.

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Our April issue will carry announcement of the Basketball Coaches and Players for the 8 regions of the nation. Also, COACH & ATHLETE's 1961 All-America Basketball Team. These are selected by committees headed by our regional columnists.

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DEVELOPING AN OFFENSE IN BASKETBALL

By LEN SERFUSTINI
Basketball Coach, University of Buffalo

Len Serfustini, with a UB coaching record of 66 - 25, is entering his fifth season as Head Coach of Basketball. His University of Buffalo "Bulls" have received four consecutive invitations to participate in the "NCAA College Division" Post Season Tournament. The present record of the 1960-61 season is 8 wins and 3 losses.

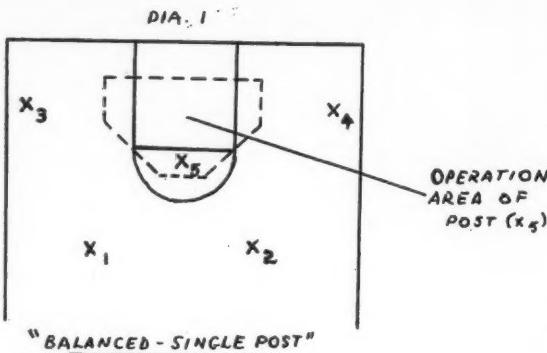
Following three years with the U. S. Navy, Len entered UB in 1946. Serfustini won letters in Varsity basketball, football, and tennis.

In 1950 and 1951, Serfustini served as a teaching fellow and Head Coach of freshman basketball. In 1951 he became an Assistant Professor of Education at Troy State Teachers College, Troy, Alabama, where he served as Head Coach of basketball and tennis. Len also was Assistant Coach of football at the southern institution.

His Troy State cagers won 70 of 100 games in five years, were invited to the NAIA Tournament in three of those five years and won the First Annual Blue-Gray Tournament in Montgomery, Alabama.

"Serf" returned to his Alma Mater in 1956 following the resignation of his former coach and has continued the winning pattern while setting a personal example of dedication and fair play in his professional capacities as coach and educator.

MUCH HAS been written on the offensive phase of Basketball. Many plays have been diagrammed, each with their particular innovation for producing the high percentage shot. I would like to add to this countless material relating my ideas on the development of a well rounded offensive system of play. A system of play that will be balanced in attack, fluid in its movement, adaptable to the many



varyiations of man to man defense, and allowing enough options to take advantage of each player's abilities in free lance work.

I believe that the principles I will outline in the development of an offensive system of play may be applied to any basic offensive setup (distribution on court) that the coach may select to bring out the greatest potential of his material.

The first step would be the decision as to the basic distribution to be used. As a point of departure I will select the "Single Post Distribution." To show the principles involved, the balanced single post distribution, with the center (post) playing predominately in the high post position, will be used.

In developing the offense the concentration will be on the situational type of play rather than set play patterns.

As we analyze this "balanced - single post" distribution, 4 basic units of offensive movement can be noted. These units consist of the following player relationships:

Unit I — Guard-Guard Relationship

Unit II — Guard-Forward Relationship

Unit III — Guard-Guard-Post Relationship

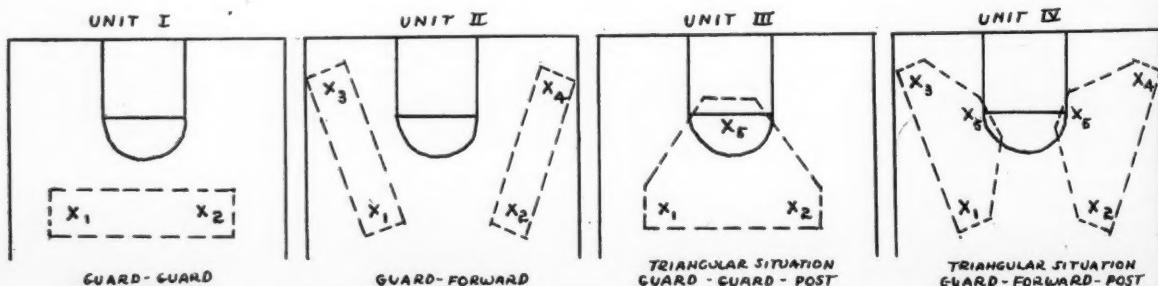
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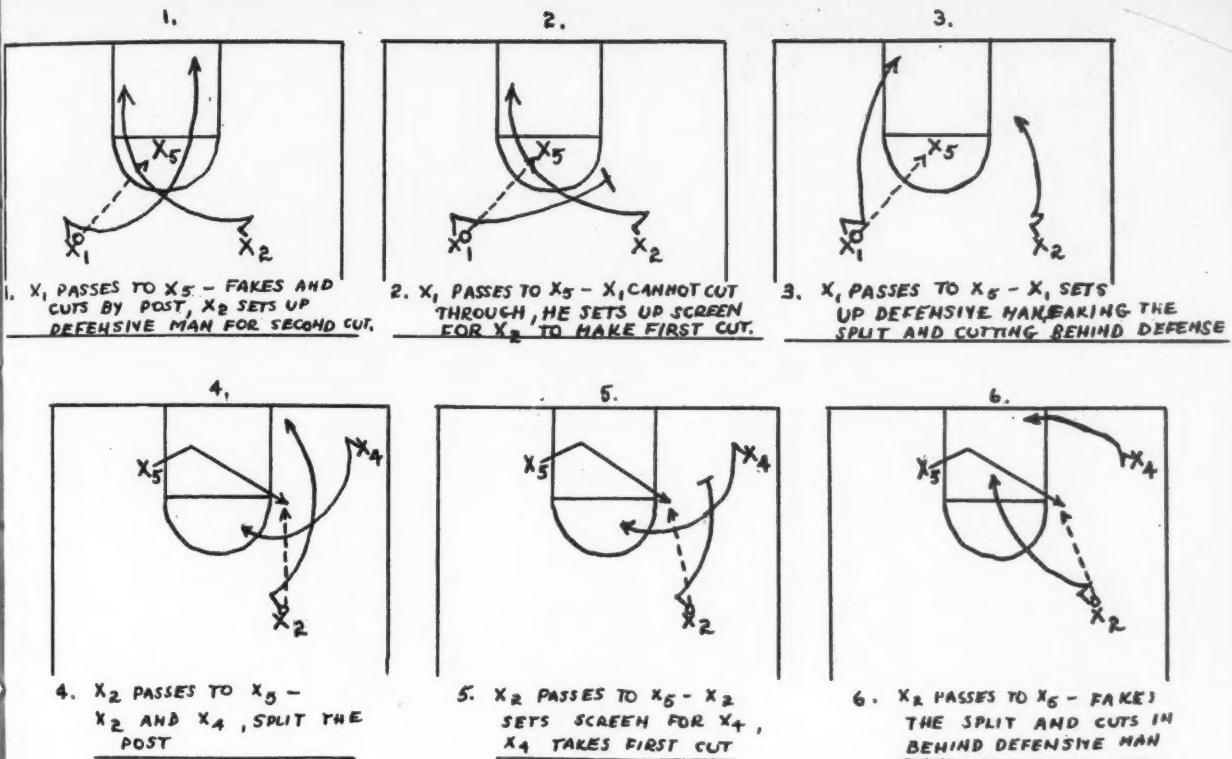
I will not attempt to go into great detail for each unit of play and the options that may develop, but will emphasize the overall picture.

Once we establish our basic units of play we develop the play of each unit to take advantage of the options that may arise.

UNIT I — Guard-Guard Relationship:

This unit is developed to take advantage of the two-man situations that





may arise in the guard positions, the guards working together, utilizing the movements of each other for shot opportunities. Options that may occur off this two-man situation or weave pattern:

1. Set screen — Fake & drive off screen
2. Give & Go
3. Screen for set shot or jump
4. Fake set & drive
5. Fake pass — opposite guard cuts in front or behind defensive man (depending on defensive man's response to fake) for pass & possible shot.

When Unit I is operating X₅ (post) may operate in the Low Post position giving the guards added room to work and obtain shot opportunities at the top of circle and closer.

UNIT II — Guard-Forward Relationship:

The standard guard around series fit ideally into Unit II. Options that may occur off the guard around series:

1. Guard pass to Forward — Guard around — return pass for drive by Guard

2. Guard pass to forward — Guard around — Guard pull up after return pass by Forward — Look for Forward rolling in toward basket
3. Guard pass to Forward — Guard around — Forward fake pass & look for own opportunity

4. Guard pass to Forward — Guard around — Forward fake pass & pivot for opportunity — look for return pass to Guard in vicinity of basket

5. Guard pass to Forward & pull up for jump or set on return pass
6. Fake set by Guard & continuation of drive.

When Unit II is in operation, the post (X₅) will operate on opposite side of the free-throw lane from where the ball is being worked by the Guard-Forward — this will help to maintain proper distribution.

UNIT III — Guard-Guard-Post Relationship:

This unit of play begins to operate when the guards (X₁ & X₂) have the opportunity to pass into the post position. Depending on the response of the defense to this maneuver, I will diagram three basic options to counter defensive movement.

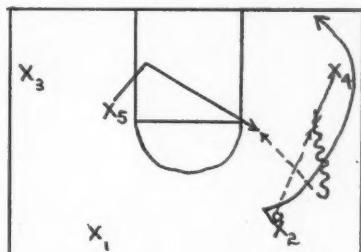
The post man X₅ operates in his normal area as noted in the first diagram — setting himself up for the pass from the guards.

UNIT IV — Guard-Forward-Post Relationship:

A triangular situation again results in Unit IV — this triangular situation resulted also in Unit III. The options that occur between the Guard Post-Forward Relationship can be identical

to the options diagrammed in the Guard-Guard-Post Relationship.

Unit IV may originate off of Unit II to facilitate fluid movement. Example:



X₂ passes to X₄ — Guard around series (Unit II)
X₄ dribbles out to guard position and looks to pass to X₅ (Unit IV)

Triangular situation set up with X₄, X₂, and X₅

Once these four units of play are perfected individually, they may be combined into a continual, smooth-flowing offensive system of play.

For Example: Visualize the guards (X₁ and X₂) bringing the ball up court — they exercise the right to look for their various options (Unit I) with X₅ in the low post position.

A guard may then feed the forwards

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THE PITCHER'S PICK-OFF MOVE

By GLENN G. DAHLEM



ONE OF THE most neglected fundamentals in young right-handed pitchers today is the pick-off move to first base. Many otherwise talented hurlers prove vulnerable to the stolen base as an offensive weapon, as runners consistently "get the jump," and lose games as a result. The purpose of this article is to elaborate upon a few points in development of a good pick-off move in right-handed pitchers.

1. Reason for Use. Young pitchers will be more inclined to work on a move to first if its value is first explained to them. The primary purpose in throwing to first, a pitcher should be taught, is to hold the runner close. A runner is seldom picked off by a throw to first, but his inclination to steal is greatly lessened. If he does attempt to steal, he is more likely to be thrown out, as he could not "get the jump" on the pitcher. Also, the short lead taken by a runner who is worried about pick-off throws may result in his being forced at second during an attempted sacrifice, or being thrown out at third while trying to reach this

base on a hit.

The secondary reason for the move to first is to pick the runner off. Once in a while, an alert pitcher can come up with the big out to help his cause in a crucial point of a game by picking an overly aggressive runner off base. Although this does not happen too frequently, it should be emphasized that the proper move is necessary to achieve the important out when the opportunity does present itself.

A third reason for successful mastery of a pick-off throw is to place pressure on the hitter, especially during a tough situation, by the use of repeated lob throws to first. Nothing bothers a hitter more than bringing his muscles to readiness for a key pitch, only to have to relax and wait while the pitcher throws the ball to first. Such tactics also afford additional time for the warming up of relief pitchers, and possible sign stealing by an alert defense.

2. Mechanics of the Move. Unlike in the case of left-handers, the front foot and leg cannot be used in deception of the runner without committing a balk. Consequently, it is best for the right-hander to minimize his step toward first while making the pick-off throw. This can best be done by stepping low and quickly toward first with the left foot at the last possible second. The step should be short. The weight behind the throw is placed upon the right foot, which remains in contact with the rubber until following through. The body pivots upon the ball of the right foot, which raises slightly with the turn.

As the runner will generally "key" upon the left (front) shoulder of the pitcher, it should not be turned toward first until the arm is cocked to throw. Moving the shoulder toward first without throwing constitutes a balk, hence the reliability of the shoulder as a "key."

The stretch motion should never be allowed to serve as a "key" for the runner or hitter. Since the rules compel the pitcher to observe a one-second pause after his hands come together before delivering to the batter,

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it is best to frequently pause longer than this before pitching or making a move to first. The elbows can also tip off a runner that a throw is coming, as they are usually moved close to the mid-line of the body just prior to pitching. Different pitchers will develop their own styles of stretching and elbow position to offset occurrence of possible "keys," based upon individual preferences and experience.

The pitcher's head, having faced the catcher while the sign was given, turns toward first as his hands come down into the stretch. Although the rules allow a pitcher to move his head toward first or home without danger of balk, an experienced runner knows this, and will seldom be fooled. Thus, a pitcher who looks at first, then looks toward the plate, and then throws to first, is probably only increasing the chances of his making a wild throw. An exception to this principle can occur in the case of an overly anxious runner, who aware that the sacrifice or hit and run is on, seeks a premature jump.

Some pitchers prefer to also develop an overhead, snap, wrist-type throw, delivered to first from the height of the stretch motion. Such a move is designed to pick off a runner who leaves the base during the stretch motion, and is not poised for a quick return until the pitcher's hands have joined at stomach level.

3. Role of the First Baseman. The first baseman, when holding the runner to the base, should assume the proper stance, with the left foot ahead, and the body somewhat crouched, and turned toward the pitcher. He should

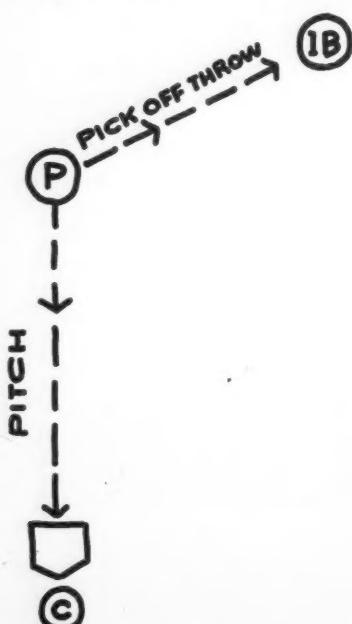


Diagram #1

present his glove as a target, at about knee height, and slightly toward second base from the right edge of first base. Just as the catcher targets a pitch, so should the first baseman target the pick-off throw, as he wants the ball in as good a tagging position as possible. He should talk to the pitcher, encouraging him to throw the ball to first; this talk is more for the runner's benefit than anything else. When the first baseman is strangely silent regarding the possibility of a pick-off attempt, uttering instead some prearranged signal, it is to indicate that he believes a pick-off attempt will be successful in getting the runner out, rather than merely holding him close.

4. Strategical Considerations. Some pitchers prefer to modify their pick-off move, when used for lob-throw purposes. This is done by stepping more highly and slowly toward first with the left foot, and fully extending the right arm rearward before throwing. This is done to deliberately allow the runner more time to get back to first safely. The purpose for this is to lull him into a false sense of security by giving lots of time to get back. (He was not far enough away to be picked off anyway, if a snap throw had been used.) Then when there is a chance to pick the runner off, the snap throw, with abbreviated left step and bent right elbow, has greater chance for success.

Many runners move away from first too rapidly while taking their leads. Others allow their legs to become crossed, while still others may lean toward second, causing poor bodily balance. A pitcher can frequently time his move to first to coincide with such movement, leg-crossing, or leaning on the part of the runner. As each of these faults makes it harder for the runner to return to the base, the chance of a successful pick-off is thus greatly increased.

Knuckle ball pitchers are faced with the additional hazard of seeing a runner take too great a lead just as they

are fixing the knuckle ball grip in their gloves. It is necessary to practice a move to first after the knuckle ball grip has been established, using a quick finger manipulation to eliminate the potential quality of spinlessness from the pick-off throw.

In a tight spot with runners on first and third, the move to first (after first checking the runner on third), can be a great asset in revealing, or at least reducing the effectiveness of, a potential squeeze play or double steal. It also helps the pitcher regain shaken confidence, by shifting the psychological pressure somewhat onto the offense.

5. Drill. A good drill for development of the pick-off throw is run by first placing the pitcher on the mound, with a catcher and first baseman occupying their respective positions. The pitcher alternates deliveries to the plate with throws to first, working from a stretch. He strives for control in hitting the targets of the catcher and first baseman. This is primarily a form drill, in which the two moves can be perfected. (See Figure One.)

After this drill is well learned, a shortstop, second baseman, and several runners, who take turns occupying

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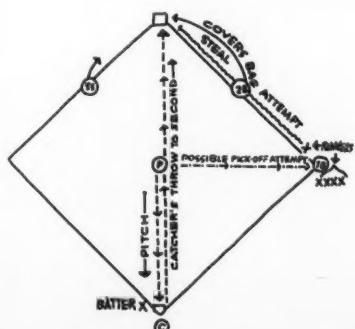


Diagram #2

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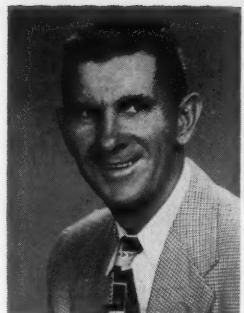


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By GEORGE A. STROUSE

Track Coach, St. Petersburg (Fla.) High School



GOAL OF 13.7 IN HIGH SCHOOL HURDLES AND 1:55 IN HALF MILE SET FOR CONTE AND HALEY.

RARELY DOES a high school track and field coach climb out on a limb and make so bold a prediction at the start of the season. Most track articles concerning record-breaking performances are usually written after the feat has been accomplished and the record-breaker has departed from high school.

Here at St. Petersburg Senior High School we have two returning lettermen who, we believe, have the potential and burning desire to fulfill those predictions. Both boys, **Anthony Conte**, our fine hurdler, and **Patrick Haley**, our versatile half-miler, have set the above times as their goals for the 1961 season. "Tony" and "Rick" as they are called, are well-known to high school coaches and track athletes throughout the Sunshine State.

The writer of this article will attempt to discuss the development of these two lads over the past two years. We will only refer to their daily work-out schedules in general terms, due to the fact that we are attempting to use only the space allotted for one subject or event.

Tony Conte, our excellent high and low hurdler, came to us from a local junior high feeder school with no athletic or junior high school varsity experience whatsoever. He played end on our J. V. football team, and that is when we first became acquainted. At that time he weighed 145 pounds, and was five feet ten inches tall. He now weighs 164 pounds and stands six feet tall.

At the beginning of that season we
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Coach Strouse started hurdling at Oak Hill High School (West Virginia) in 1935. He was member of that school's state championship track team in 1937. After high school he resumed his track pursuits under the tutelage of Art Smith at West Virginia University. He was captain of the W.V.U. 1941 squad.

He served as a communications officer aboard an L.S.T. in the United States Navy during World War II. After the war he returned to West Virginia University and received an M.S. degree in physical education in the summer term of 1947.

In the fall of 1947 he went to Manatee High School in Bradenton, Florida as head basketball coach, head track coach, assistant football coach and physical education instructor.

During the 1955 - 1956 and 1957 track seasons at Manatee, his teams won three consecutive State Championships, three consecutive Western Conference titles, and three regional titles.

In 1957 he went to St. Petersburg Senior High School as head track coach, assistant football coach, and physical education instructor. He took with him a personal consecutive string of 27 victories in all meets dating back to April, 1955.

At St. Petersburg, his teams won three more consecutive Western Conference titles and three regional titles. His personal string, after reaching 47 consecutive wins on the local level, was snapped in March of 1960. The loss was by $\frac{1}{2}$ point. A "Strouse-coached" team has yet to lose a Western Conference Meet, which is composed of Class AA teams in the Tampa Bay area. The St. Petersburg Senior High School went on to win the Class AA State Championship in 1960.

Coach Strouse's record from 1955-1960 stands at 55 wins and 4 losses, counting all meets — state and local. The two losses occurred on the local level and were by the scant margins of $\frac{1}{10}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a point.



At Left: Coach Strouse outlines practice schedule with Patrick Haley (left) and Anthony Conte.

had three senior high hurdlers running around 15.5 and a low hurdler who ran a 19.8 in the first meet, only to be lost for the season due to a virus infection. However, Tony managed to keep a step or two ahead of them and posted a 14.8 time in the highs and his best time in the 180 yard lows was 20.7. We let him spend most of his time with the hurdlers but he did occasionally run legs in the spring relays. In the State Meet that year he placed fifth in the highs with a time of 15.1 and gained a fifth in the lows with a time of 20.7 seconds.

At the start of his junior year we were ready to push him a bit harder and faster. His inability to run a quarter under 58 seconds as a sophomore made it necessary for us to have him run sets of 220's or a 440 at $\frac{3}{4}$ effort after each day's hurdling exercises. Hurdlewise, he had faults to correct from the previous year's observations. Considerable time was spent at speed work over 3, 5, and 7, highs and 4 to 7 lows. He spent more time with the sprinters and ran some 220's and 440's for time. In addition to his hurdles, he became a regular member of our 880 and mile relay teams. In the 880 yards relay he averaged between 22.0 and 22.3 seconds for his leg of the race. In the mile relay in the State Meet he ran a 51 flat as lead-off man.

At the 1960 State Meet he ran the highs in 14.1 placing second to John Turek of North Miami who ran a blistering 13.7. We hope that time has been officially accepted as a new national high school record. Both boys broke the state record which was 14.4 at that time.

In the 180 yard low hurdles it was Turek again winning in 19.4 with Tony second in 19.6. As before both boys bettered the previous state record of 20.0. Turek's getting a slight lead on the first low hurdle proved to be the difference in the outcome. We knew that Tony would give John Turek a fine race as his times in the Regional Meet were 14.2 and 20.0. We believe he will run 13.7 in the highs if sufficiently pushed. What's your guess? We likewise believe his low hurdle time may prove a pleasant surprise.

Tony's daily workout schedule for 1961 will be no mystery. It will consist of what he has been doing for the past two years. However, more emphasis will be placed on speed work and hurdle clearance time.

Having been a high school and college hurdler, I find it a trifle difficult to change course and finish up with a sketch of our talented half-miler, Rick Haley. Rick came to us from a different city junior high feeder school as a sophomore. He had the good fortune of participating in our city junior high

program which had been revived after a lapse of about four years. He won the city junior high half in 2:21. I worked with him that summer and he ran a 2:09.8 half for second place in the State Junior Olympics Meet in July. His Meet times in the half during his sophomore year, were: 2:06, 2:07, 2:04.0, for a first place in the Western Conference Meet; 2:07 in the Regional Meet. In the State Meet he ran a 2:03 for a 6th place.

Rick was a regular member of our mile relay team that year. In the State Meet he ran a 51.4 quarter for his leg of the race.

At the start of his junior year, Rick was ready for faster and longer workouts. Knowing that he lacked the speed necessary for a top-notch half-miler we let him alternate between the 880 and mile relays. His was the anchor spot on both relays when he ran in either of them. Rick's best time for his leg of the 880-relay was 21.4. In the third meet of the season he ran a 50.7 open quarter, only to be nosed out by inches by a more mature senior. His best time in a practice timed 100 was 10.4.

His meet times in the half were:

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A BULL PEN FOR YOUR PITCHERS

By Dick Vining, Baseball Coach

State University Agricultural and Technical Institute Farmingdale, N. Y.

BASEBALL COACHES will agree that one of the most important decisions that may arise during a game is when to remove a pitcher.

Many games have been lost because the coach or manager waited too long before making a decision. Perhaps the coach wanted to change his pitcher, but hesitated to replace him because he felt that his relief pitcher did not have sufficient time to warm-up. It might have taken the relief pitcher some time to shed his jacket, locate his glove, move to the designed warm-up area, search for something resembling a home plate, and await the arrival of another teammate to catch his warm-up pitches. During this crucial period of delay, the game situation may have become unfavorable for the frustrated coach.

Much could have been done to prevent an unfavorable game situation if the coach had been able to change his pitcher as soon as he needed to. The coach could have made a quick and confident decision if, at the beginning of the game, he had located his relief pitcher in a designated throwing area. Since he had not done this, the coach regretfully kept his starting pitcher in the game longer than he had intended.

The opposite situation finds the coach bringing a pitcher directly from the bench into the game. At this point, the relief pitcher comes into the game in a difficult situation, realizing that the only warm-up pitches he will be allowed to take will be those allotted to him before pitching to the batter. This not only places unnecessary pressure on the new pitcher but could cause severe damage to his arm.

For these reasons and for other points to be mentioned, I say: "Coaches — have a bullpen for your pitchers away from the bench area."

I recommend that, before the season begins, an area be designated as the bullpen, preferably along either foul line and beyond first or third bases. Every effort should be made to duplicate the pitcher's area on the playing

field. If possible, have two wooden home plates made and inserted in the ground sixty feet six inches away from two pitching rubbers. (These pitching rubbers may be duplicated in wood.) Allow sufficient room so that two pitchers can conveniently throw at the same time within this area. Random throwing by pitchers in any area, or throwing to a catcher crouched behind a folded jacket, a cap or a shin guard, at an approximated distance, is harmful to a pitcher as he seeks to improve his control.

Knowing that some of our opponents do not have such areas provided for their pitchers, I have found it advisable to include one or two wooden home plates and an extra pitching rubber in our equipment trunk, when we are playing away from home.

Select the group for the bullpen as part of your plan of organization before each game. This designates a particular responsibility to an additional three or four players who will be apart from the group sitting on the bench with the coach. This arrangement allows the relief pitchers to get up and begin throwing immediately upon a signal from the coach without losing valuable time, or without disrupting the duties of the other members of the squad who may be charting pitches, attempting to detect opponent's signals, and noting offensive mistakes. By locating the group for the bullpen away from the bench area and by assigning specific duties to the remaining players on the squad, a coach encourages better bench conduct.

From a psychological standpoint, the bullpen gives a feeling of confidence to the starting pitcher and assures him that another pitcher will be ready, if needed, to relieve him. This professional atmosphere also gives the relief pitcher an additional feeling of importance as he comes into the game from the warm-up area to take his position on the mound. Utilizing a bullpen offers the pitchers an opportunity to get a substantial amount of throwing and a good workout during

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Born in Enfield, Conn., he graduated from Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Mass., in 1947, where he excelled in baseball and basketball. He received his B.S. in Physical Education at the University of Connecticut where he played varsity baseball and was elected Captain in his Senior Year.

Upon his graduation in 1951, he entered the U.S. Army and served eighteen months in Ulm, Germany where he was attached to Special Services of the 47th Infantry Regiment of the 9th Division. In 1954, he coached the regiment's baseball team to the USAREUR Army Championship.

Following his discharge in 1954, Dick accepted his first coaching assignment at Orange County Community College in Middletown, N. Y., where he coached baseball and basketball until his coming to the N. Y. Aggies in 1956.

His first year at Farmingdale, the Aggies captured the Knickerbocker Baseball Conference Championship although they were the only two-year college team participating in the four-year college competition.

Last season, the Aggies annexed the Region XV Junior College championship and represented this region at the NJCAA Baseball Tournament at Grand Junction, Colorado.

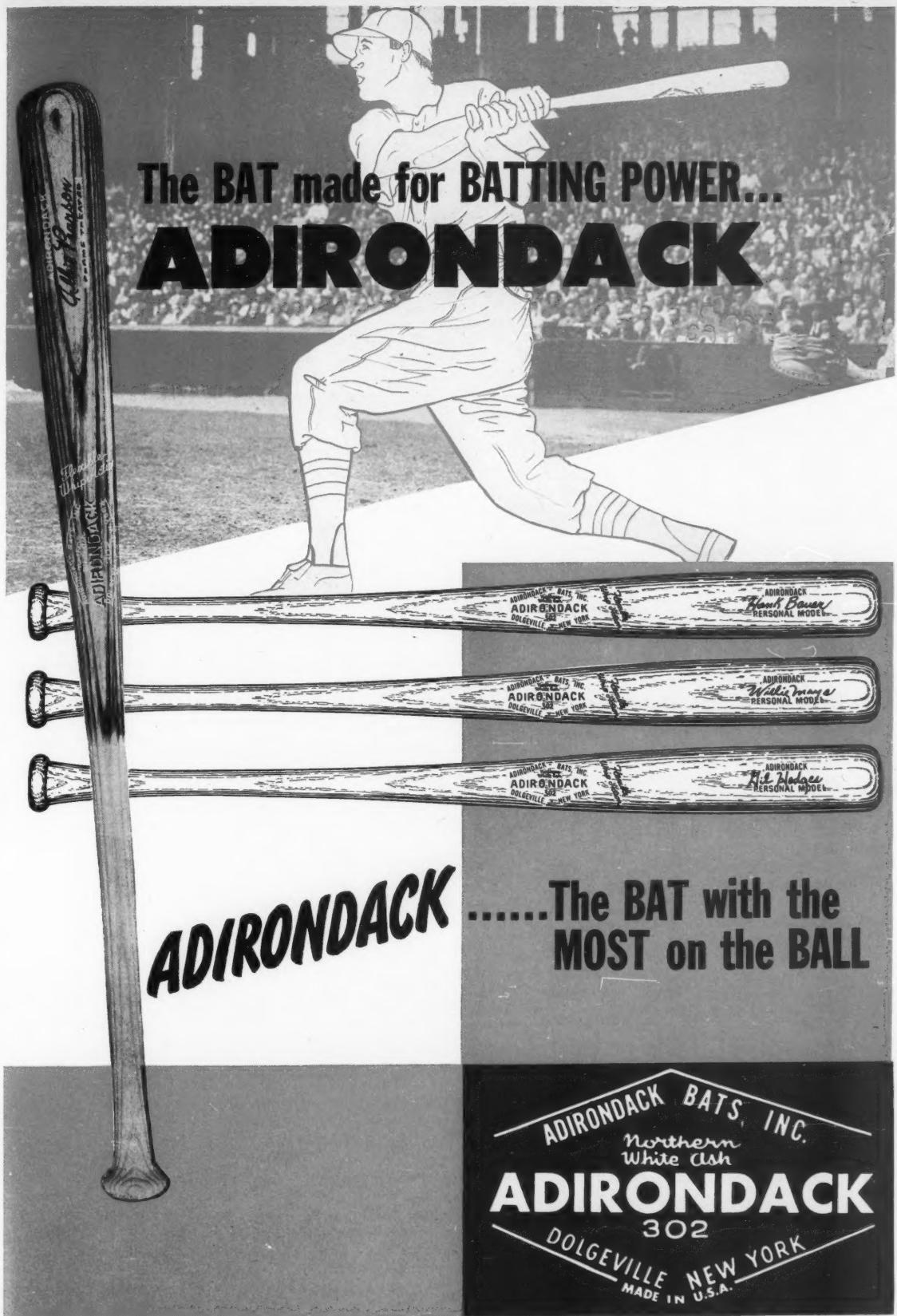
In his last four seasons of college baseball coaching at State University's Institute at Farmingdale, Vining's teams have won 42 games and lost 19. Most of these victories have been over four-year college varsity teams.

the game.

One of my objectives on baseball coaching has been the attainment of a professional attitude among the players by employing various techniques in our plan of organization to help create this professional atmosphere. Maintaining a bullpen away from the bench area has aided us in realizing this objective.

This important phase of organization will not only stimulate more effective pitching performances and present a professional approach to your baseball coaching, but it will be rewarding in victories, too.





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MORE WORK FOR BETTER TRACK

By MAJOR M. C. PAGETT

Track Coach, Georgia Military Academy

Coach Paget was a letterman in football and track at Staunton Military Academy and at the University of Alabama. His specialties in track were the discus, shot and javelin. Following his graduation from Alabama in 1925, he coached at Baylor School, Chattanooga, Tennessee for one year and at Alabama Military Academy, Anniston, Alabama for three years before going to G.M.A. in 1929. During his 35 years as coach of track, he has developed many outstanding stars and his 1958 and 1959 G.M.A. teams won the Mid-South Track Championship.

WHEN A coach is flattered by an editor suggesting he write an article for a national magazine, he can't refuse. After thirty six years of coaching it would seem a fellow would have so much stored up information he could write volumes. Then when one thinks about trying to convey his ideas to others cold chills run down what little back bone he has left.

For those who take the time to read through these few lines of track talk I would like to offer a few observations for what they are worth.

To me the astounding thing about track is the constant improvement in times and distances. Why are the records improving yearly, frequently under the same coach. Looking back a few years I find such things as the state shot put being won with a put of 43 feet and the discus being thrown 135 feet. As we all know we now have freshmen able to better these distances. The same thing holds good for the jumps and runs. What is the answer? Has the coaching been improving this much? Have the boys become larger and stronger? When will we reach the top? Just to think there were three boys in the Atlanta, Georgia school system throwing the javelin over 190 feet during the 1960 season.

In my opinion there are definite reasons for our boys improving. For the young coach I might say there are many opportunities awaiting you. I would rate increased interest of contestants motivated by improved coaching and a great increased interest of school officials, as the number one factor. When large city officials

enlarge their track programs to include weekly scheduled track meets for a varsity, "B" teams and eight graders, then the results are going to show. If some other cities would take their cue from city Athletic Director Sid Scarborough of Atlanta, Georgia, they too will have track power. We coaches of the South have for years looked with envy on the track records of the West. Many times I have observed the times made in Texas and California are better than some large Southern Colleges. The answer for one thing is the terrific interest shown in college track in the West. It is not uncommon to have ten thousand, not hundred, people attend a dual track meet. When the colleges develop such interest it is bound to affect the high school.

Track has been a step child in many Southern Colleges. They have a very few track scholarships and frequently not too qualified coaching. For this reason many high schools have so called track teams coached by men not qualified nor interested.

If you, Mr. Coach, want to win meets and improve your school records, you are going to have to make up your mind to work your track boys. Not just for a few weeks before that district meet but for several months during the year. When you sell those young fellows on the idea they can break that school record, then the district record etc., they will be willing to work. To motivate is not too difficult.

It was not too many years ago that Druid Hills High School of Atlanta did well to make twenty five points against a first class team. Now, thanks to Jimmy Carnes, a fine coach and a hard worker, they have won state and interstate Championships. The answer — working your boys in the fall, winter and spring.

When those football coaches realize the great value to be derived from their men running track, they will help themselves and help track. That high knee action from running low hurdles, the body control and improved starts are simply great.

When our boys read about the times run by track boys of other sections and they observe the field records, there they begin to wonder why they can't do as well.

I remember when it was thought unwise to have your field men throw hard in practice. "Take it easy except on meet days." Today many coaches feel an effort should be put into every throw. Don't sacrifice form for effort, but try to do both.

For an example, the discus throw. There just seems to be no limit to what a big strong well coordinated boy can do. We had a big fellow by the name of Steve Hendricks attending the Georgia Military Academy. This boy was always very large for his age but not always well coordinated. Unlike many large fellows, Steve liked to run. Right here I might add, too many coaches fail to run their field men. Run your weight men every day. Make them take starts. Form them into relay teams and run them against distance men. Don't hesitate to have them run a 440. By running, Steve improved his shot and discus and became a fine runner. He is now on a full track scholarship with emphasis on his hurdles. Yet Steve Hendricks won the Mid-South discus for almost unbelievable four consecutive years. No, he did not win the discus just because he ran. Steven set the Florida Relay discus record (168 feet), The Birmingham, Alabama Relays discus record (155 feet). This fellow won these events because he worked and he worked hard. Not just during the track season, but during the summer months and over the week ends at home. He worked every day during the fall and winter. His best throw was 173 feet. He would stand and throw the discus for half the practice. I believe much time should be devoted to putting the shot and throwing the discus from the standing position. The rest of the practice time should be devoted to good hard throwing with the turn. I believe a thrower should spend at least one hour a day with the shot and the same with the discus. Try to correct your thrower when he

has that off day. Believe me, he will have certain days when you are certain he has forgotten everything you have ever taught him. During the track season I suggest not throwing either the shot or discus for at least one day and possibly two days before your big meets. Don't forget those runs. We have found that frequently the best shot put is made just after your boy has run a 100 yard dash.

As to the suggested form, I believe a great deal depends on the boy you are working with. Make a study of forms by observing pictures and first class contestants. Keep one thing in mind, the throw must be made while the feet are on the ground to get the best results.

I would like to suggest that all track coaches join the National Collegiate Track Coaches Association. Mr. Phil Diamond is the secretary, 816 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The cost is \$4.00 a year as associate member for which you receive the Track and Field News also the yearly notes from the track clinics, and for your future champions.

It has been good to have this little chat with you. The best of luck to you and for your future Champions.

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

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the abilities of North Central athletes. Plans are being discussed for the improvement of the somewhat outdated Kroehler football field, while the Merner fieldhouse is continuously maintained at a strict pace.

One of the outstanding track events of the year is the Midwest Indoor Track Meet, which features competition between 30 schools. Annually a number of the top track schools in the midwest are invited to participate in this gigantic indoor track festival. North Central has hosted this in Merner Fieldhouse for the past 21 years.

Women may compete in the two intercollegiate sports of swimming and tennis and the many activities of the Woman's Recreation Association. The W.R.A. activities include soccer, archery, tennis, volleyball, basketball, badminton, swimming, baseball, table tennis, hiking and bowling.

Men's intramural athletics provide regular competition in touch football, basketball, volleyball, indoor track, swimming, and softball. An effort is made to provide a variety of activities to meet the interest of as many students as possible.

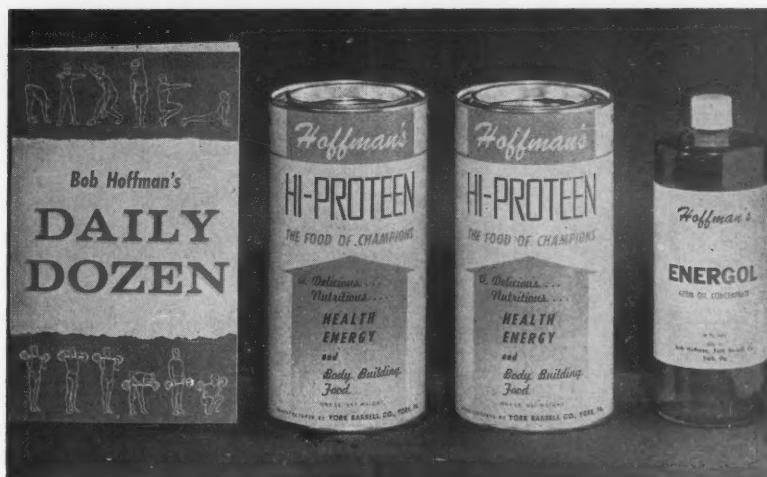
Athletic growth, however, can never become an end in itself at North Central and will be but symbolic of the continuing progress the entire college expects to maintain and enjoy in the future.

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HOW TO BE A LOSING COACH

By BILL HECHT

Basketball Coach

Miami Jackson High School

THERE'S AN ART to losing. If you're a winner, these "reflections of a pro" are not for you. These are for the poor coach who wants to be successful at something, even losing. Like the kid that told his parents he had the best record of all that failed.

Now mind you. I'm not the only authority on the subject, but I've become quite adept at it recently, and I've managed to lose in almost every fashion. Coaches usually love to schedule my teams — we thrill 'em — but you can bet if it goes down to the wire we'll blow — last minute — last second — overtime — sudden death — but we'll manage to do it!

One season something went wrong. We began to win the close ones! Why, I was at a loss for words — oh but when losing — if you want a gracious guide to post-game greatness, bend an ear!

There is a knack to walking across the field or down court after a loss. You have to let your shoulders sag, just slightly, but keep your head up and your eyes open: it's embarrassing to fall over a bench or step in a water bucket.

You may have to search out the winning coach, especially after you've

been upset. And if you're not too tall, better wait till he gets down off the captain's shoulders — especially during the basketball season. A coach can go up awfully high on top of one of those 6-10 centers. Nothing worse at mid-court than a handful of argyle.

What I'm trying to say is: you not only need a game plan. When you're losing, you need a post-game plan, too.



*Congratulations on a great performance,
Coach.*

Like when you shake hands with the winner. Casually droop your left arm across his back, remembering to keep your fist clenched. Now if he's really hung one on you, you can clip him good-naturedly — but hard — right in the kidney.

Now's the time for your gracious saying. Have 8 or 10 on file for different occasions. You know, things like: "You were great, simply great, coach. You out-scouted us, out-coached us and out-played us." — notice the use of the pronoun **us**, — always give your assistants full credit.

"Your big boy killed us on the



We were out played and out coached.



Durn that bucket.

boards, coach; he was tremendous." Actually, he really was getting away with murder. He flung more elbows than a flag waver on an aircraft carrier. "We were certainly out-hustled tonite, coach; fine job you did defending my ace." — my ace hit only 3 for 23 at close range and blew 7 for 10 at the foul line. He was as cold as an ice cube in a deep freeze.

"That boy of yours handled the low post like Mikan, coach; you've done a remarkable job with him in a year." — the kid grew a foot over the summer and I was dumb enough to start a sophomore midget on him.

Say nothing to the officials. They didn't make nearly as many mistakes as you did. So — maybe they did seem a little partial; after all, the referee probably used to go to school there.

Your own boys feel bad enough, since the rain washed out the patio dance. Of course they forgot everything you ever taught them, and they loafed on defense. But you gotta admit they showed a little spark when you pressed those last two minutes. Sure you were going against the other guys rinky-dinks, but at least they didn't score **either** when he put that freeze on.

Be careful with the members of the press: they can crucify you with quotes. Never say what you really want to say, unless you plan to chuck it all at the season's end.

Even things like "Wait till next time" seem harmless enough, but don't you believe it. The other coach will buy 10 papers and when "next time" rolls around, he'll have that quote in spades all over his locker room.

It's good to have an understanding wife. She doesn't have to know much about the game. But she can offer little post-game pleasantries like — "How about another one of my nerve tablets, dear?"



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CLARENCE STASAVICH

At Lenoir Rhyne College, Head Football Coach Clarence Stasavich has built a small college football powerhouse that ranks with the nation's best and he has recently completed his greatest season.

Using the ancient single wing formation, the 1960 Stasavich-coached team roared through an unbeaten season which was climaxed by a 15-14 victory over Humboldt State of California for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national championship.

In working their way to the national championship game, the Bears captured 11 straight wins and were ranked no lower than third in any of the national small college polls. They were ranked first by the NAIA for the second year in a row.

However, this season was merely another in a long list of impressive accomplishments for the super-successful Lenoir Rhyne coach, who is a native of Georgetown, Ill.

Stasavich first acclaimed fame as a football player for Lenoir Rhyne from 1931-35. While playing in the line for the Bears, he was tabbed one of North Carolina's greatest football players by several North Carolina newspapers. From 1935 to 1937, Stas was coach at Campbell College in North Carolina. He returned to Lenoir Rhyne as line coach from 1938 to 1941. In 1942, Stasavich entered the Navy and then came back to Lenoir Rhyne as head coach in 1946.

By 1949, Stasavich built a team that won seven games and lost only three. The following year, the Bears rolled up eight wins in ten games. Only a 27-14 loss to Tampa prevented his 1951 team from going unbeaten as the Bruins won ten and lost one. However, the season was still bright in view of the

fact that the Bears won their first uncontested North State Conference title. Lenoir Rhyne climaxed the season with a 13-7 win over California (Pa.) in the Pythian Bowl.

Lenoir Rhyne's first unbeaten season came under Stasavich in 1952 as the Bears captured eight straight wins. The Bruins lost to Tampa in the Cigar Bowl. In 1953 and 1954, Lenoir Rhyne's fortune fell somewhat.

However, in six seasons since that time, no small college coach can boast of a record as impressive as Stas'. His ledger since 1955 reads: 57 wins, 4 losses, 3 ties and six conference titles.

In 1955, Lenoir Rhyne was unbeaten in ten games with a 9-0-1 record. The season was climaxed with a 14-13 win over Newberry in the Palmetto Bowl. The following year, the Bears improved to a 10-0-0 mark. The succeeding year found 1957 producing an 8-2-1 record, which a lot of coaches would like to have. In 1958, Stasavich's club suffered only one loss in a 9-1 campaign. The regular season was unbeaten in 1959 with a 9-0-0 record. Then came the 1960 success story. The Bears ripped through a ten game slate undefeated and were ranked first in the nation by the NAIA. The Associated Press rated them second and the United Press had them third.

Stasavich's team was selected to play in the NAIA playoffs against Northern Michigan with the winner going to the Holiday Bowl in St. Petersburg, Fla. Northern tied the Bears, 20-20. However, Lenoir Rhyne won on total net yardage and went on to defeat Humboldt and win its first national title. The Bears came close in 1959 but lost to Texas A & I, 20-7, in the Holiday Bowl.

Stasavich has been named "Coach

of the year" in his district and conference several times. In 1955, 56 and 59, Stasavich was named the outstanding coach in all sports in North Carolina by the Greensboro Daily News.

In 1959, Stasavich was named the NAIA's "National Coach of the year" when his team was unbeaten in nine games and ranked first in the nation.

No coach in North State Conference history lists as many all-conference and all-American pupils as Stasavich. Over forty players have been all-conference under Stas. Ten players have gained all-American honors while playing for him.

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GEORGE FAHERTY and DAN LEIBOWITZ

ADELPHI COLLEGE senior cager Dan Leibowitz enjoys a distinction that few others who have played under Panther mentor George Faherty this past decade can match. Leibowitz was a starter in his first game during his junior year without having played a single minute during either his freshman or sophomore years. In fact, Faherty named him game captain. Leibowitz, though admittedly nervous, came through by scoring in double figures.

The 6'1" Abraham Lincoln High School product has lived in Brooklyn all of his life. He came to Adelphi in September, 1957 after playing two varsity seasons at Lincoln sharing back-court honors with Mark Reiner who later starred at New York University. Dan also played a season of baseball.

During the summer prior to his freshman year on the Garden City campus, Leibowitz injured his right wrist. He showed up at the Brown and Gold frosh tryouts with a steel brace on his wrist and was unable to make the team. A year later, he reported to Coach Faherty at the varsity tryout sessions but the season was 1958-59 and the Panthers were stocked with a veteran squad which was to carry them to the best record in the school's history and many other honors.

Throughout last season, Dan was a steady performer averaging in double

figures and finishing as the fourth highest scorer on the team. His top game came in the Panthers' 74-64 upset of Tri State League champion Fairfield University when "Leib" recorded his season high of twenty-two points including ten of fourteen from the floor.

In the Panthers' first ten games this year, Dan is second in scoring (14.7) and in rebounding. Against the University of Bridgeport, a Tri State League game, he scored thirty-five points including thirteen of fourteen from the floor, and nine of ten free throws for the highest single game total for an Adelphi player in six seasons.

But Danny has also been active off the court. Last Spring, he was awarded the Martin Head trophy emblematic of the athlete with the highest scholastic average during the previous year. Just last month, Leibowitz was one of five Adelphi intercollegiate competitors selected for the collegiate Who's Who. A member of the pre-law society on the Garden City campus, he hopes to enter law school next fall and has set his sights on going to Yale.

Danny has two younger brothers who he would like to see follow him in athletic circles. An avid chess player, interested in riflery, he has also expressed a longing to participate in the Adelphis student theatre.

Though his name may never stand alongside those of Don Payne, Vince Quarto, and other Adelphi basketball recordholders, Brown and Gold courtman Danny Leibowitz has made his mark on Panther cage fans, just one facet of a well-rounded young man.

COACH GEORGE FAHERTY has been playing or coaching basketball since the late 1920's. He has studied, discussed and plotted each change that has developed from the old center jump after each basket to the new zone press defense. He stresses fundamentals and defense. In 10 years at Adelphi, he has coached four teams to league titles, including two straight Tri State League championships. In addition to playing in the NCAA and NAIA post-season tourneys, his teams have competed in three straight Christmas invitation tournaments, won 60% of their games, and received recognition as the No. 1 small college team in the East.

Faherty also serves as Director of Athletics at Adelphi, is President of the Metropolitan Basketball Coaches Association and Chairman of the Athletic Association of Long Island Colleges which he helped to organize. He was the guiding force behind the Tri State League and served as its first president.

THE BASKET BALL OFFENSE

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If he is free for the pass and automatically Unit II with its resultant options begins to operate with the guard around. X5 is operating away from the ball. If no shot results from the guard around, Unit IV may result by passing to X5 as he moves to the position of post, setting up the triangular situation.

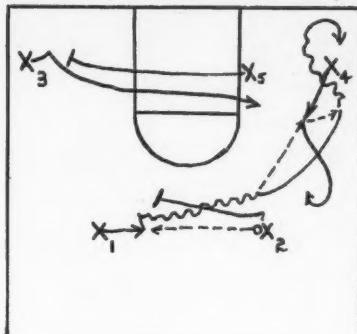
Second Example:

The guards working their basic weave and options off this. They look for the opportunity to pass to X5 moving to the high post position — they are now ready to exercise the options off Unit III. If a shot does not result from the options that occur a pass out to the forwards now in the position of guards — the guards splitting the post replace the forwards and we are now ready to take advantage of Unit II in the guard around series.

Once this fluid movement of each unit falls into place, added innovations may be utilized, if needed, to put pressure on the defense.

Effective screens away from the action of the ball may be instituted without destroying floor balance or

becoming too involved. Example:



X1 and X2 — Unit I

X1 then passes to X4 — Unit II

X5 sets up screen away from ball for X3

X3 moves into position of post to set up opportunity for Unit IV

In this example: When X1 received return pass from X4, the shot opportunity was not there so X1 and X4 adjusted for the set-up of Unit IV.

Summary:

I feel that the principles discussed may be used to develop an offensive system of play regardless of the distribution decided upon. These four simple steps may be followed:

- Determine the basic distribution & floor balance

- Set up the units (2 & 3 man situations) that fit the distribution.
- Select the options that may result in each unit of play, depending on defensive counter movements.
- Combine the units into a fluid, well balanced attack.

From personal experience I have found this an interesting way to teach offense. It is sound, presenting a well balanced varied attack. An offense that maintains basic distribution and floor balance so vital for efficient offensive play but one that does not confine or stifle individual opportunity.

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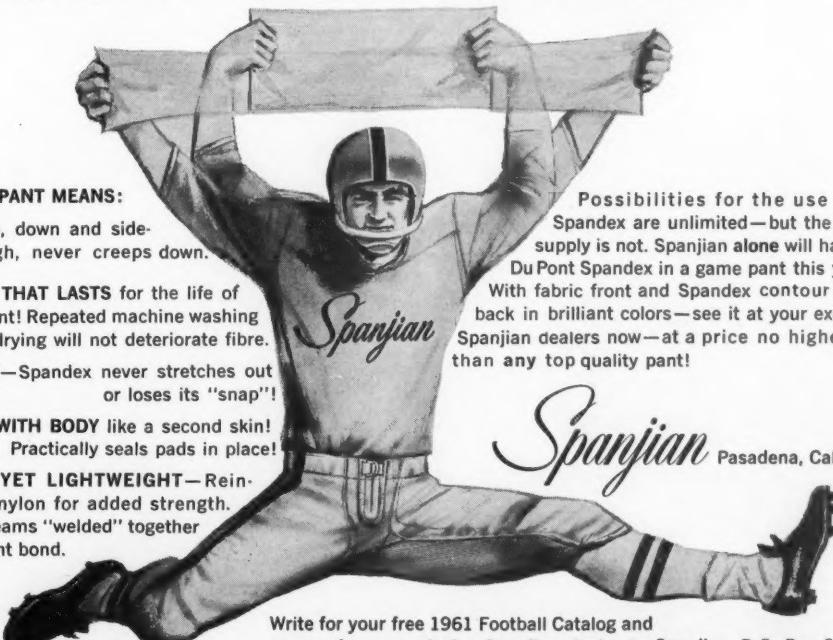
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GASTONIA LITTLE ORANGEMEN WIN DISNEYLAND BOWL GAME

By Dwight Frady
(Gastonia N. C. Daily Gazette)

IN 1851, JOHN SOULE wrote in the Terre Haute, Indiana, Express: "Go West, Young Man."

Those were words that became famous, and over a century later, 1960 to be exact, a Pop Warner midget football team from Gastonia, North Carolina went west.

Like their sturdy forefathers, The Gastonia Little Orangemen struck it rich in Anaheim, Calif., winning the Pop Warner - Sponsored Disneyland Bowl and qualifying as semi-finalists for the Pop Warner "Academic football" world championship to be decided in June 1961.

They bested Montebello, Calif., 47-7, and climaxed a perfect season. The Little Orangemen had a 13-0 record in '60, and over a two-year span hold 23 consecutive victories.

Even more impressive is their four-year mark of 39 wins and only three losses under Coach Earl Groves. This season alone they scored 396 points to the opposition's 52.

Naturally, Gastonia felt right proud of the accomplishments registered by their beloved Rebels. But more important than the touchdown runs and points flashing on the scoreboard was the educational value of their trip to

California.
EARL GROVES, Head Coach, Gastonia (NC) Little Orangemen, winners of 1960 National Pop Warner-Disneyland Bowl Game, Anaheim, Calif. The victory placed Gastonia in semi-final round for the world championship Pop Warner academic football, based on top record in both football and classroom studies.

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Coach Groves said it best. Quoth Earl:

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"Not only does it help the individual, but it sets a standard for younger boys that gives them more incentive and makes it easier for teachers, parents, and coaches to handle them."

"They developed a winning attitude which will stay with them through



Front Row — (Left to right) — Richard Strange, Robbie Lineberger, Norman Cope, Terry German, Rickey Clanton, Richard Mills, Emory Lane, Sherman Fields, Mitch Walker, Ernie Jones, Steven Williams, Ronnie Smith.

Second Row — Coach Earl Groves, Jimmy Kiser, Harmon Caldwell, Randy Lewis, Dale Ghorley, Jimmy Ferguson, Timmie Atkins, Gene Lewis, Bill Robinson, Mickey McMahan, Coach Joe Eller.

Third Row — Steve McCotter, Steve Culbertson, Johnny McKenzie, David Welch, Mike Waters, Bobby Horne, Ronnie Falls, Terry Schroeder, Stanley Hawn, Harry Richardson, Mike Lunsford.

Back Row — Coaches Bennie Cunningham, Lander Barnhill, Phil Stone.

future sports participation and on into life."

Gastonia, called The City of Spindles because of the sprawling textile industry, can now lay claim to four straight North Carolina midget football titles.

The Little Orangemen own two in a row, and before that, Eagles Club catapulted to two straight buntions.

In addition to being outstanding football players, the Orangemen are undoubtedly one of the best in the nation when it comes to scholastic value.

Just about every one of them are straight-A students. Midget football in this section is for boys 13 years of age and under, with a weight limit of 115 pounds.

"We see to it," continued Groves, "that our players stay on top of their school work. I feel like this year's team was the best collection of talent I've ever had, both from a standpoint of football ability, and scholastically."

The Little Orangemen played in the eight-team Gaston Midget Football League, the strongest in Tar Heelia. They finished ahead of such outstanding teams as Eagles Club, Cramerton, Civitan, Red Shield, Clover, Stanley, and Bessemer City.

Young Business Men's Club of Gastonia couldn't have chosen a finer

man to guide their youth than Earl Groves.

Earl, 32, is president of Groves Thread Company, a large corporation employing over 600 people.

He's a very busy man with many business ventures, and successful ones too. But Earl has time for the youths of Gastonia and Gaston county. And he's a big man among his mighty band of gridiron midgets.

Groves was an outstanding guard at Ashley High in this city, and nearby Davidson College, where he was valedictorian of his graduating class. His diploma in business carries the coveted summa cum laude label and only the foremost are honored in such fashion.

Before this fantastic season, actually a fairy tale come true, Groves and his staff guided the Orangemen to state and Dixie championships. The '59 team crushed Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in the Pop Warner Piggy Bank Bowl at Ashley High Stadium.

Groves has been coaching YMBC for four years. Two years running, the team finished a close second. Gastonia Red Shield captured the honors in '58, and Eagles Club in '57. But for the past two years, the Orangemen have easily been the class of the field.

Assisting Groves this year were four other talented coaches, Bennie Cunningham, Joe Eller, Lander Barnhill, and Phil Stone.

They instilled in their youngsters the Pop Warner theme. And that is making your objective not necessarily a football win on the greenyard, but more important the idea of winning the contest of life.

The bowl trip was a great experience for the Orangemen who stayed in fine homes, enjoyed conducted tours and received gracious hospitality. As to the game itself, the Orangemen were impressive in their 47-7 victory, with Steven Culbertson gaining 200 of the 410 rushing yards gained by Gastonia. Other shining lights were Lewis Robinson, Williams and Caldwell. It is an experience to be long remembered by these fine youngsters and special thanks is due Joseph J. Tomlin, national president of the Pop Warner Conference; Bud Jellerson, Pop Warner national organizer for Los Angeles; and Orrick W. Hampton, Boys' Christian League Chairman of the Disneyland Football Festival. Hats off to the Pop Warner Conference and to Earl Groves and staff for taking time off from their crowded business schedule to make autumn afternoons interesting ones for "our kids."

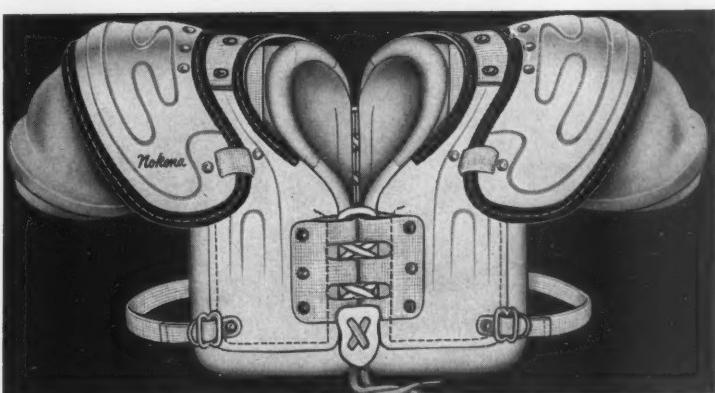
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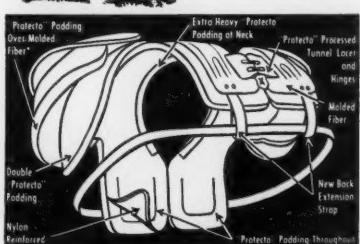


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The University of Georgia is extremely proud of freshman Lynne Shirley, one of the most beautiful red-heads ever to enroll at the nation's oldest state chartered institution of learning.

Lynne, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., whose parents both were natives of Fairmount, Ga., reigned as Miss Gator Bowl, New Year's Day.

It's not often that beauty and brains come in the same size package, but that's the case for Miss Shirley, who stands 5-7½, weighs 120 and measures 35-21-36.

At Jacksonville Andrew Jackson High school Lynne had an A average and graduated fourth from the top in a class of 547 students! She was Miss Andrew Jackson High, naturally, and also feature editor of the school paper.

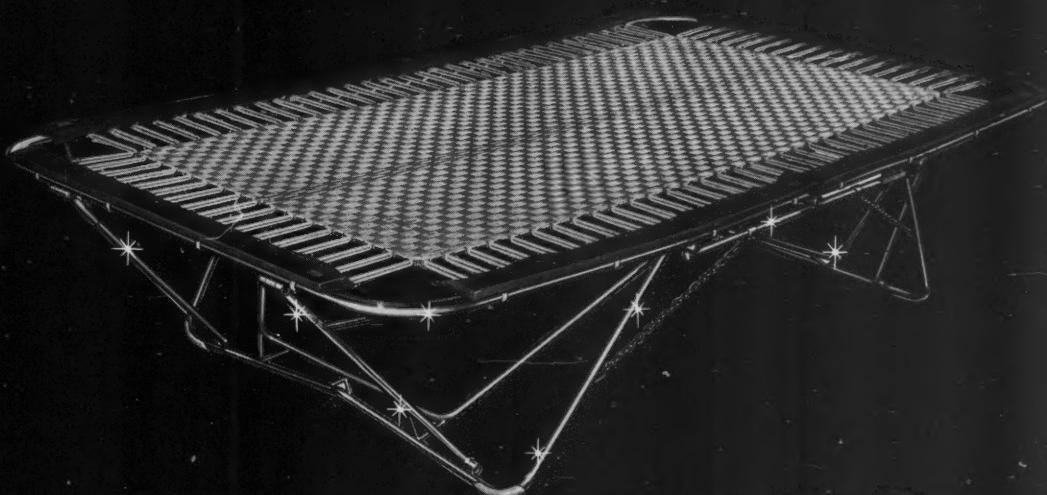
When she was eight years old she won the State piano contest for her age, winning three superiors!

Last fall Lynne was a Georgette with the Bulldogs' famous Dixie Red Coat band.

She is seriously planning on studying law at Georgia's famous Lumpkin Law School.



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EXONENTS of hard-nosed, close-to-the-vest basketball preach that defense wins the big games.

Yet California, the nation's most proficient at that style, never had a chance against Ohio State's hot-handed Buckeyes in the finals of the 22nd NCAA championships.

There was no defense for the shooting Ohio's youngsters cut loose at Cal as they claimed the collegiate title with a 75-55 victory before a jam-packed audience of 14,500 at the Cow Palace Saturday night.

The defensive disciples, however, can point to the fact Ohio State, a team known for its box car scoring, turned in a solid job on defense to go with what certainly was the hottest shooting ever seen in NCAA tournament play.

In an almost unbelievable shooting performance the Big Ten kings hit 15 of their first 16 shots from the field, 16 of 19 the first half for an eyepopping .842 percentage and 674 for the full route.

With 6 minutes left in the game the blazing Buckeyes had connected on 23 of 30 shots for .762 to forge a commanding 55-39 lead over the defending champions.

Ohio State's regulars, who contributed 66 of the 75 points, shot an even 75 per cent as 27 of their 36 attempts from the field hit the mark. All five scored in double figures.

Jerry Lucas, the Buck's prize 6-8 sophomore, outplayed rival All-America Darrall Imhoff by a wide margin in leading Ohio State to its first NCAA basketball championship and the fourth by a Big Ten entry.

Lucas, overwhelmingly voted the

outstanding player award by a 56-man press corps, led the scoring with 16 points, the rebounding with 10 recoveries and held Imhoff to three goals and just eight points. Lucas, who packs 228 pounds on a mobile frame, explained he checked Imhoff by "making him shoot over me."

The previous night Cal's 6-10 senior pivotman bagged 25 points in guiding the Bears to the finals with their 77-69 triumph over Cincinnati.

Of the newspaper and radio men participating in the poll, 49 picked Lucas as the outstanding player and all 56 voted him to the all-tournament team.

Two votes for the individual award went to Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati, who finished his brilliant collegiate career with 32 points as the Bearcats won third place over New York University, 95-71.

Mel Nowell, classy Ohio State sophomore guard, also drew two votes. Tom "Satch" Sanders, NYU's crowd-pleasing pivot, John Havlicek of Ohio State and Imhoff each received one.

Lucas was the only unanimous choice for the all-tournament team. Others voted to the first five were Robertson with 53 of a possible of 56 votes, Imhoff 51, Sanders 47 and Nowell 24.

Joe Roberts (14) and Larry Siegfried (13) headed the second team rounded out by Bill McClintock of Cal, Paul Hogue of Cincinnati, Tandy Gillis of Cal and Havlicek. The latter pair tied in the voting to create a six-man squad.

Ohio State, perhaps the youngest team ever to win the crown, posted the biggest victory margin in 22 championship games. Prior to the Buckeyes'

BLAZING BUCKS BLITZ TOUTED CAL DEFENSE

By JAY SIMON

Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman

First place winner in story category of Basketball Writers' Contest, Sponsored Jointly by United States Basketball Writers Assn. and

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20-point conquest the widest spread in a title duel was recorded by Indiana in 1940 when the Hoosiers blasted Kansas, 60-42, at Kansas City.

Close games would seem in order once the finals of a national tournament were reached, yet 14 of the 22 championship frays have been decided by 10 points or more.

From the coach on down Ohio State is largely a sophomore club and one that is sure to make itself felt in future NCAA playoffs, unless the Big Ten makes good its threat to abolish post-season competition.

Fred Taylor, only in his second year at the Buckeye helm is the first sophomore coach to win the national title. The 12-man squad, composed entirely of Ohio boys, includes five sophomores, of which three are regulars.

The Buckeye coach played center at Ohio State from 1948 to 1950, leading them to a 22-4 season and the Big Ten championship his senior year. After a two-year baseball career at Chattanooga, Taylor returned to the Columbus Ohio, school as assistant basketball coach. He took over the top job last season and broke in with an 11-11 record.

This year the Bucks not only bagged the national title but their 25-3 mark is the best ever produced in 61 years of basketball at Ohio State.

It's taken 96 points or more to whip the Buckeyes, who led the nation in offense with an average of over 90 a game. Their three defeats, all on the road, were to Utah, 97-92; Kentucky, 96-93, and Indiana, 99-83.

California's popular Pete Newell, who had hoped to wind up his coaching career with a second straight national champion, gave full credit to Taylor and the Buckeyes.

He said the young coach gave the Ohioans a lot of poise and "they had the hot hand on the big night."

Newell, who earned the right to coach one of the college all-star teams in the Olympic playoffs by finishing second here, heaped a lot of praise on Lucas, likely successor to Robertson and West Virginia's Jerry West as the game's big attraction.

"Lucas is a wonderful player, and his fine defensive game was probably part of our trouble on offense," Newell offered.

Although it was Ohio's phenomenal shooting that kept California on the ropes Taylor felt the Buckeyes' defense was a big factor.

"We don't have to run and we don't always run. We can play defense, too." Taylor shouted over the bedlam that was Ohio's dressing room.

The Bucks pinched off Cal with 19 points the first half while racing to a 37-19 lead. After Ohio State mounted a 20-10 cushion the first 11 minutes its margin never fell below 10 points.

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THE EAST

IRVING T. MARSH

New York Herald Tribune

NEW YORK has been enjoying its greatest track season in many, many moons this year and the chief reason has been international competition. Who would have thought that an event such as the high jump would draw the throngs to Madison Square Garden in sellout numbers, but that has been the case. And the competition between Boston U.'s John Thomas and the 18-year-old Russian student, Valery Brumel, has done it.

Not that other events haven't attracted their share of stars. But the two high jumpers who met in the Olympics have so entranced track aficionados — and there is no more passionate aficionado than the track buff — that they have completely filled the Garden.

It began with the Millrose Games, the first big meet of the season. That was the night of the East's big snow-storm — it reached 17 inches before it was over the next day — but the clients packed Madison Square Garden to the rafters and thousands were turned away. The harrowing tales some of the boys tell about how they got home after the meet will equal the harrowing tales of the Blizzard of '88.

The same thing was true of the New York A.C. games two weeks after that, the National A.A.U. championships and the Knight of Columbus meet that closed the "open" season. Only meet not helped was the inter-collegiate championships, but it didn't have both high jumpers, only Thomas.

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The resignation of Al Severance after 35 years of basketball coaching at Villanova and elsewhere was a bit of a surprise. He's calling it a basketball career at the close of the current season.

Severance is one of the most colorful figures in basketball. An ex-magistrate as well as a coach, he never was, or is, at a loss for words. The words might not form perfect syntax, but they were always there for the asking, or even not for the asking.



to take part in the June 9-15 World Series at Omaha, Neb.

Other members of the committee are George Patte, Cornell; Robert Lewis, Pittsburgh; Jack Smith, Hofstra, and Harvey Gillespie of Moravian.

In recent years, the committee has called for a special playoff among leading contenders and O'Hora said June 2-3 had been set up for this purpose if the committee is unable to select a single team as the best choice.

St. John's of New York won last year's playoff and lasted until the third round of the World Series.

The Middle Atlantic District is made up of colleges in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

If a tournament is decided upon, the committee will select four teams including the champion of the Middle Atlantic Conference which receives automatic qualification.

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ODDS AND ENDS — Jim Tarman, the Penn State tub thumper, resents the report that Navy's Joe Bellino set a record when he scored three touchdowns against Army in 1959, the only player to have done so. Not so, he chimes in. Penn State halfback Jim Kerr scored three times against Army last year in State's 27-16 victory at West Point. Incidentally, the Nittany Lions, one of the few teams in the East engaging in Spring football practice, will begin on April 5.

Pitt's freshman basketball team is the strongest in over ten years, according to Coach Carl Peterson, who's been directing the Panther cubs for a number of years. "I'm afraid too many people will expect too much of the boys too early but given a year or two, they'll produce."

And talking of great freshman basketball teams, N.Y.U.'s young Violets racked up 33 straight victories over three years before they were upset by the Fordham freshmen by two points. The last N.Y.U. victory before the string ended came over Manhattan, which was defeated by 113-37.

Fairfield University, of Fairfield, Conn., became the second team to win the Tri-State Collegiate Basketball League championship two years running and only the second team to go through the loop unbeaten. The Stags clinched the title early, winning nine games in a row and 17 over two years, a new league mark. By winning the league title they earned an automatic berth in the N.C.A.A. small college tournament.

AXIOMS OF COACHING BOYS' BASEBALL

By MORT LEVE

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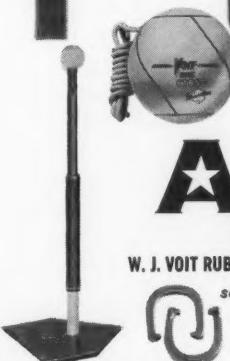


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BASEBALL



By MORT LEVE
Director Public Relations

“WE TEACH THEM to play by the rules so they learn to live by the rules,” is the sage observation of Joe E. Brown, famed entertainment world comedian and international president of Pony and Colt teenage boys baseball.

Joe E. opines, “I have found that children are naturally good . . . it's what happens around them that molds their characters.”

Throughout a stage and screen career covering better than half a century Brown has maintained an avid interest in sports, baseball in particular. He took a special liking for the University of California at Los Angeles during the pre-World War II days when his two sons, Don and Joe L., played varsity football and baseball.

Don lost his life in the war as a pilot. Joe L. went on to mold the Pittsburgh Pirates into world champions as general manager. UCLA football standout Mike Frankovich was adopted by the Browns and lived with them many years. He is now an England-based head of a major movie studio.



Joe E. Brown

The UCLA baseball field has since been named for Joe E., and he still stays close to the school's athletic program. Just last year he obtained an athletic scholarship for Richard “Butch” Wright of Youngstown, Ohio, who had been a Pony League world series standout in 1956 at Washington, Pa. Wright is expected to make quite a niche for himself in baseball and basketball.

Recently, Joe E. was guest speaker in Pittsburgh at the NCAA baseball Coach of the Year, honoring Minnesota's Dick Seibert. Joe is convinced that the proposed summer college baseball program will provide the answer to major league baseball's need for polished talent.

“To realize such summertime baseball,” Brown says, “the colleges will have to move practically.” He feels that the players need, of necessity, expenses during these summer months comparable with the present college resort area loops in the Dakotas and New England.

“Outside of the South, Southwest, and West Coast areas the college baseball seasons are ridiculously short and the weather conditions brutal.” Brown pointed out that many of the Midwest teams play no more than 15 or 20 games whereas a lad can gain much more experience in the professional minor leagues with 100 or more game schedules.

“I can easily foresee a baseball draft setup akin to that in football and basketball,” Brown continued. “The majors would have to give both financial support and hands off signing until the particular player's class graduates.

“In this era of continued rising college fees there would be a fine opportunity for youngsters to earn their way through baseball. The ever-increasing number of ‘small fry’ leagues throughout the nation will supply plenty of talent.”



Billy Short

Joe went on to say, “Coaches in high schools and colleges now realize the values of Little League, Pony and Colt programs. Instead of starting from scratch with the boys in high school they now get boys who have received five or more years of organized summer baseball under ideal conditions — regular schedules, uniforms, adult coaching.”

Joe realizes that up to now very few college players have jumped directly to the major leagues but with the added summer schedule he feels enough top grade experience will be gained to make the move without further seasoning.

“The way it looks now,” Brown figures, “minor league baseball is on the way out. TV, lack of finances, and the low salaries combine to spell doom.”

The important thing that appeals to Joe is the chance for a boy to gain a much-needed college education. Only the select few will be able to make professional baseball a career but the game in college as a means to an end is most promising.

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Pony and Colt will go into a streaming season. Previously eight regional lined double elimination four-division champion entry world series this commissioners had competed in a NCAA double elimination finale classic. In

setting up four divisions four senior region field directors were elevated to supervise two regions each. They are: Elmer Barr, San Bernardino, Calif., West; A. H. Keever, El Paso, South; Norm Moser, Woodburn, Ind., Central; James Caldwell, Salisbury, Md., East.

Pony will hold its tenth annual world series in its birthplace, Washington, Pa., Aug. 22-26. Colt will again conduct the world series at Ontario, Calif., Aug. 16-20.

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Glynn Gregory, Southern Methodist backfield standout, was shortstop on the 1953 Abilene, Texas, Pony world series team and turned down a big bonus offer to go to college . . . Gene Mauch can find his long-ball hitting third baseman right on his Phillies' roster in 21-year-old **Jim Woods**. Jim hit 19 round trippers with Indianapolis last year although he was handicapped for a month with a cracked jaw. Woods is a Chicago native who had a fabulous boys' baseball career. He played in the Little League world series in 1951 and then in the Pony world series in both 1953 and 1954. In 1954 Jim hit three homers and struck out 17 as his team got a runnerup position. In 1956 Woods, at the age of 16, pitched

his Chicago team to the Colt world's championship at Comiskey Park and blasted a 375-foot home run over the left center field wall.

Woods is an alumnus of Chicago's Lane Tech high school, spawning ground for several other major leaguers, including Phil Cavarretta. He was signed by the Cubs after leading his prep team to the state crown and later was traded to the Phillies in the Richie Ashburn deal.

The Yankees feel **Billy Short** will fill the southpaw relief vacancy occasioned by the loss of Bobby Shantz. Young Billy was the first Pony leaguer signed by a major league team and was with the parent club part of last season . . . he is a Newburgh, N. Y. native. Newburgh is also very proud of **Len Henderson**, another original Pony Leaguer, who will be graduated from West Point in 1962.

Most illustrious of the current college Pony grads is Penn State's **Ed Kikla**, star hurler, who was the hero of the 1954 Monongahela, Pa., Pony world champions. Southpaw Ed set a new mark of 18 strikeouts in that '54 classic, should receive a raft of offers following his senior campaign this year.

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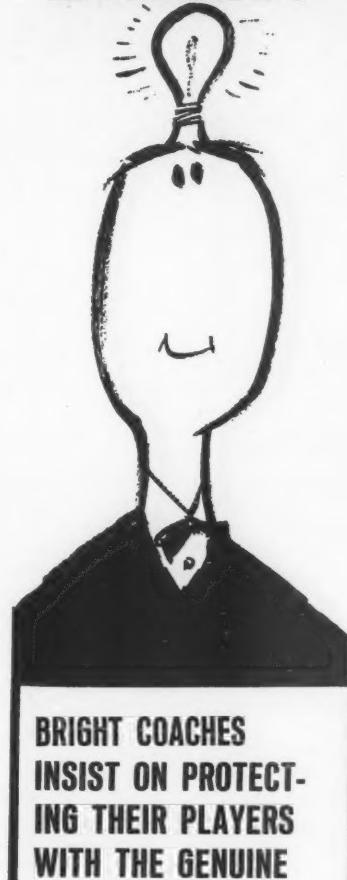
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TOM SILER

Knoxville News-Sentinel



COLLEGE BASKETBALL coaches are beating a path to tiny Rutledge (pop. 800) in East Tennessee to see a 6-7 senior, **A. W. Davis**, fire and fall back . . . he's the most exciting prepster in Tennessee since Bailey Howell starred at Middleton in 1953-54 . . . the boy's high school coach, Billy K. Niceley, even received feelers from UCLA and Washington State. . . Speaking of recruiting, we're reminded of Jerry Graves remark: "I had planned to enter Western Kentucky, but when Coach (Babe) McCarthy got hold of me I didn't have a chance." . . . Graves is winding up a brilliant career at Mississippi State.

ALL-SEC? What about **Bill Depp** of Vanderbilt for center, **Roger Kaiser** of Georgia Tech and **Lou Merchant** of Florida at the guards, **Jim Kerwin** of Tulane and **Graves** at the forwards . . . Merchant, in my opinion, shoots on the run better than any man in the league . . . Norman Sloan, the new basketball coach at Florida, says he discouraged Kerwin, the sensational sophomore, from considering a scholarship to The Citadel where Sloan then was head coach. . . "I had only so many scholarships," explained Sloan, "and I felt I needed big men and guards more than I needed Kerwin". . . So Kerwin scored 29 points against Florida a few weeks ago. . . Sloan, incidentally, played three years of basketball under Everett Case of N. C. State and two years of football under Beattie Feathers . . . the SEC basketball coach-of-the-year honor figures to be as tight as the title race itself . . . top contenders at this writing are McCarthy, Sloan and LSU's Jay McCreary . . . balance of basketball power in the SEC seems to be shifting from the Vanderbilt-Kentucky-Georgia Tech-Tennessee division to the Tulane-LSU-Miss. State-Ole Miss. division . . . Tulane, LSU and Miss. State should be rugged, indeed, in 1961-62.

OLE MISS plucked a highly prized back away from Georgia Tech, LSU

and Tennessee . . . he's Bobby Fletcher, a Memphis boy who was contacted by 37 schools . . . Fletcher is a triple-threat halfback . . . "He's another Jake Gibbs," exulted John Vaught, the Rebel coach . . . Bobby Dodd said Roger Kaiser was the finest competitor he had seen in all of his years (30) at Georgia Tech. . . They're still talking about Kaiser's last-ditch shot that beat Kentucky . . . after that one Adolph Rupp said the officials "protect" Kaiser in Atlanta . . . there's been lots of complaining about basketball officiating this season, but there'll be nothing done about it . . . too many calls rest on judgment alone — blocking or charging? . . . who wants to call that one?

ALL SEC folks were shocked by the sudden death of **Clyde (Heifer) Stuart**, a delightful gentleman who had had a distinguished coaching career . . . he had had a routine gall bladder operation shortly before he suffered a fatal heart attack. . . Stuart had just been promoted to the No. 1 assistant's job behind Wade Walker. . . in a general shuffle Walker put John Majors in charge of the defensive secondary and hired Ken Donahue away from the Tennessee staff to take charge of the defense . . . at Tennessee Ken was the 'T' team tutor . . . last fall the 'T' squad passed the hat among the players and bought Donahue a sports coat . . . that looks like a high-powered clinic in Birmingham in mid-March (17-18) with Bud Wilkinson, Duffy Daugherty, Frank Broyles, Ray Graves, Murray Warmath and Paul Bryant in assorted lectures . . . this is the clinic sponsored by the American Football Coaches Association, which in June will promote a national all-star football game in Buffalo. . . Rip Engle of Penn State and Billy Murray of Duke will coach the college seniors east of the Mississippi river, Warmath of Minnesota and Jim Owens of Washington the players west of the big river.

MEMPHIS STATE is having another fine basketball year under Bob Vanatta. . . Tom Chilton of East Tennessee State has been 1-2-3 in scoring and rebounding almost all season. . . He is a tremendous sharpshooter who hopes to get a chance in pro basketball. . . **Humphrey (Humpy) Heywood** is retiring as the football coach at Baylor School in Chattanooga and what a record he leaves behind! . . . Humpy coaches for 21 years and drew a whitewash job only twice, winning 160, losing 19, tying nine . . . Humpy had five boys who became All-Americans in college — Joe Steffy of Army, Bill Johnson of Tennessee, Billy Healy, Eddie Prokop and Leon Hardeman of Georgia Tech . . . they're tossing a testimonial dinner for Coach Heywood in Chattanooga in March and the honor is richly deserved.

FLORIDA lost probably the SEC's top track specialist when Henry Wadsworth, pole vaulter, failed to make his grades . . . he is one of many who have missed the academic mark lately . . .

Johnny Griffith, Georgia's new coach, began spring practice with a few admonitions, first of which was "No profanity on the field." . . . Dublin, Ga.'s Quarterback Club threw a big shindig in February honoring the 1926 state championship football team, **H. D. (Breezy) Wynn**, a member of that team, and the 1960 prep title team. . . Wynn was a star full-back in 1926 who later starred at Richmond Academy and then played under Bob Neyland at Tennessee . . . he is now a multi-millionaire manufacturer of army clothes, sporting goods, raincoats and such. . . Auburn's Ralph (Shug) Jordan was the featured speaker at the Dublin banquet.

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MID-WEST

BERT BERTINE

Champaign-Urbana Courier



AS EXPECTED, the 1961 Big Ten basketball race was "no contest" after the first few weeks. Ohio State's national and conference champions rumbled through their first nine league games without mussing their hair.

It became obvious at the midway point of the schedule that the bombastic Buckeyes were aiming for bigger and better things than just the Big Ten crown. They set their goal at perfection: an unbeaten season and a repeat of their NCAA championship.

Even the professors jumped on the Buckeye bandwagon. Practically every squad in the circuit was hurt by scholastic failures except Ohio State. Iowa, which won five of its first six Big Ten contests and thus was the only bona fide challenger in sight, lost four starters due to first semester flunks.

It wasn't a plot; Ohio's cage stars shine in the classroom as well as on the court. They've always hit the books as well as the baskets. Coach Fred Taylor's starters have a collective grade average of more than 3-point (4 being an A).

Big Ten fans who often wondered how Jerry Lucas, Ohio's All-American 6-8 center, would do in the scoring department if he really tried, got their answer the night of Feb. 11. Averaging only 16 shots a game until that night, he took 26 against Michigan State and set a new Big Ten record of 48 points.

Nineteen of Lucas' shots dropped through as well as 10 of 12 free throws. On the same night his Olympic sidekick, Terry Dischinger of Purdue, also was having a ball against Illinois. Terry ran up 39 points even though he shot "below average" with 14 of 24 from the field. "Dish the Swish" added 11 of 12 from the line.

Lucas and Dischinger, fast friends since their Olympic experiences, are making a two-man race for the scoring title with the Purdue ace on top after nine games. A third Big Ten Olympian, 6-11 Walt Ballamy of Indiana, has been struggling with the unsteady Hoosiers and is not a threat.

Meanwhile, some bright sophomores

have assured good basketball in the Big Ten future. Top ones, based on conference performances, are Illinois' Dave Downey, Wisconsin's Ken Siebel, Indiana's Tom Bolyard, Minnesota's Tom McGrann, Michigan's Tom Cole and Michigan State's Dick Walker.

The Rose Bowl deadlock in the Big Ten may come to an end if Minnesota, as many conference observers believe it will, changes its negative stand. Members presently vote 5-5 on the issue, but Minnesota could make it 6-4 in favor of renewing the contract with the West Coast.

That is, providing the Coast wishes

to sign another pact. Its commissioner, Tom Hamilton, openly has expressed opposition to such an arrangement but could be out-voted by the Coast faculty representatives.

Prof. Stan Kinyon, Minnesota faculty representative, has prepared a Rose Bowl brochure which he'll distribute to fellow faculty members whom, he feels, have been misinformed about the game and program at Pasadena.

Kinyon feels it unrealistic to continue having schools eligible to play in the Rose Bowl, under the present loophole in the Big Ten rule, when the conference by vote does not approve. He thinks one of the "no" schools, likely his own, should move to snap the tie.

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It will be a Michigan year in Big Ten track, not an unusual situation. Coach Don Canham retained the bulk of his powerful 1960 squad which won the indoor title and was second to Illinois outdoors.

Graduation made heavy inroads at Illinois and Coach Leo Johnson does not have sophomore strength to offset his losses. Northwestern and Michigan State will field good teams but likely only good enough to battle the Illini for second, not Michigan for first.

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ROCKY MOUNTAINS



Tom Korologos
The Salt Lake Tribune

THUNDER IN THE ROCKIES

STAID, OLD, undemonstrative Logan, Utah hadn't seen anything like it since the Gene Fullmer-Spider Webb middleweight title bout had lured the fight mob with their big black cigars and their equally big and black cars more than a year ago.

Except for a Utah State University fraternity prank now and again the northern Utah community of 18,000 generally goes plugging slowly along its meek, unruffled path.

The one day last month all creation burst loose in one eight-hour period that left even the most sedate Loganite agog.

First, Cecil Baker, Utah State's head basketball coach, announced his resignation effective the end of the current school year.

Then that night, as though an atom bomb had been built under them, Coach Baker's quintet suddenly came to life from the cellar of the Skyline Conference and whomped Brigham Young's title-contending Cougars with a 94-73 defeat.

As if that wasn't enough to send Logan reeling, just after the game ended one of the neatest riots since Little Rock swept the fieldhouse with players, fans, officials and everyone else taking a whack or two at their like number.

First things first, Baker, head coach of the Farmers for the past 11 years has been having his troubles this season. Last year his Aggies compiled the best record ever of a USU squad, winning 24 and losing 5.

This season the Farmers were supposed to be better than ever what with three starters back plus a flock of top recruits ready to swing into action. Tyler Wilton, Max Perry and Cornell Green, the big three of 1959-60 all were returning.

After a fair start in pre-season campaigns, the Skyline competition got going and before you could say "University of Utah," the Aggies were in the cellar and the Utes were on top. The Utah State lone victory up to the BYU

win was a one-point triumph over Montana at Logan.

Two of the three "top recruits" had scholastic troubles and were tossed off the squad, leaving the Ags in sadder shape than ever.

Lots of grumbling was going on around Utah State and the night before the official announcement Baker was hanged in effigy on the campus.

The next day the coach said he would resign effective June 30.

Actually, he has reached the retirement age of 65. Baker initiated the action and said he would like to remain in the physical education department on a year-to-year basis.

Baker's overall record at Utah State was 155-138 at the time of his retirement.

Speculation as to his successor included such prominent names as Jim Williams, present coach at Colorado State; LaDell Andersen, assistant coach at the University of Utah; Phil Woolpert, a former coach at San Francisco U. who led two teams to national championships before he retired in 1959 for health reasons but who has since indicated he would accept another coaching job; Evan Sorenson, present assistant to Baker and Cleo Petty, coach at College of Southern Utah in Cedar City.

The announcement of Baker's retirement obviously triggered his lethargic Aggies to their best game of the season that very night when USU met and clubbed Brigham Young.

Then after the game, players from both teams became involved in a flare-up which ended in a small riot on the floor.

Activities got going with 54 seconds left when two players ruffled each other on a drive toward the basket. Some harmless punches were tossed and no apparent damage resulted. Then, after the game ended, Dave Eastis, the top Cougar scorer with 20 points, suddenly ended up on the floor after a blow on the chops.

An exchange ensued and there were

no accurate reports about the fistcuffs but Eastis was cut on the forehead and his nose also was slightly damaged.

While players, coaches and fans from both sides whirled into the maelstrom, student fighting broke out and it appeared as though the activities would never cease despite the work of police and fieldhouse ushers.

Eventually, the fighting stopped but as much as 35 minutes after the contest feelings were still running high and fans refused to leave the fieldhouse.

The presidents of both schools announced later that night that the culprits would be caught and "the responsibility will be pin-pointed."

So, in tabbing up the day's work, Utah State had lost a coach, finally won a basketball game and Logan prepared to settle back to its serenity . . . until next year when Brigham Young comes to town.

Elsewhere around the league Utah and Billy (The Hill) McGill provided most of the headlines.

McGill, five or six games before the league play was over, was in process of breaking every scoring record in Utah's books.

He broke Art Bunte's field goal mark of 221 with nine field goals on Feb. 11. McGill ran his total to 222 that night as Utah swamped Montana, 76-55.

He also has been shooting at 55.3 per cent from the field and unless he ups and dies he'll surely break the 50 per cent mark set by Utah's Joe Morton last season.

McGill also is averaging 13.9 rebounds a game and if he keeps snatching basketballs as though they're grapes off the bush, he'll surely break Gary Bergen's 12.5 mark in 1955-56.

He also has averaged 27.6 points per game for the Skyline-leading Utes, giving him a fourth spot on the national books.

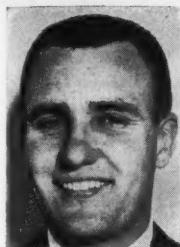
The minor sports also had their headlines last month.

Along the ski trails Denver, headed by Coach Willy Schaeffler, one of the Olympic Games officials at Squaw Valley last year, won the big Nevada Winter Carnival with the University of Utah taking second.

Alan Engen of Utah was named skimeister, for placing highest in slalom, downhill, cross-country and jumping events combined.

Meanwhile, the Air Force Academy continued to dominate the gymnast world in the Rocky Mountains, losing only a single dual meet at Minneapolis.

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PACIFIC COAST

GIB LANDELL



DEFENSE ALONG THE COAST

DO PACIFIC COAST cage fans appreciate the tight, defensive brand of ball that has become the trade mark of the area in recent years?

That question is being asked more and more these days.

A look at NCAA statistics during one period last month showed the top two defensive teams in the nation and eight of the first ten from the pacific coast.

A controversy over defensive basketball flared at a recent meeting of northern California hoop coaches and writers. The San Francisco bay area is especially noted for its defensive-minded tactics on the hardwood.

"With so many teams using ball control in this area, I'm afraid that unless we get more balanced games, we may suffer at the gate," fired San Jose State Athletic Director Walt McPherson.

University of California Athletic Director Pete Newell disagreed immediately. Newell is the defensive master who gained great fame at USF, Michigan State, and Cal.

"I think the good defense played around here is not just the result of keeping the ball. The high-scoring teams meeting a control team have trouble getting the shot away without five or six passes, whereas against other types of teams they may shoot after only one or two passes," snapped Newell.

"While I cannot say enough about the importance of keeping an opponent from scoring, I believe too much defense is bad simply because it slows down what fans have come to know as a fast game," said McPherson.

"The brand of ball a team plays," Newell declared, "depends largely on the personnel." "And," he added, "you're going to get killed if you don't keep opposing players out of their favorite shooting positions."

It was the feeling among the majority of the coaches at the meeting that in order to do the best job with the average college team, defense has to be stressed—and hard.

We agree with the majority.

Maybe the ball control game is causing a drop at the gate at San Jose State. But, defense has certainly played a large part in the national championships brought home by USF and California in recent years. We think the clubs that fall before low scoring coast quintets will be the first to admit that they came out on the short end because a tough defense kept their shooters under pressure rather than the opposition just hung on to the ball.

Fordham coach Johnny Bach is one person who was impressed in a big way recently by the tough defending coasters after his Rams failed to win in three starts in the West Coast Athletic Conference tournament.

Charged he, "the field goal has been cheapened by eastern race-horse basketball." And added, "we are going to carry back (east) the feeling that what we've seen here is wonderful basketball."

BLASTS EDUCATORS

St. Mary's basketball coach Jim Weaver takes a blast at American educators who he says are "trying to kill college athletics."

Levels Weaver, "Now that the sputnik age is here, certain educators are jumping on sports and trying to hasten its demise.

"There's no reason for them to stampede us. When we see how many kids are turned down by the military services for physical reasons, it's obvious that the nation needs to remain in good condition.

"A boy has to be a whole person and can't be without benefit of intercollegiate or intramural sports."

HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME

The American Football Coaches Association believes in the old standby "it isn't whether you won or lost—it's how you played the game that counts."

Stanford's football team last fall under Cactus Jack Curtice failed to win in ten starts. And, Curtice was elected president of the coaching organization. Shortly before he succeeded Lou Little as chairman of the Association's rules committee.

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JUCO

by
GEORGE KILLIAN

THIS MONTH, from all over the nation, North, South, East, and West, sixteen of the best junior college basketball teams will be moving overland towards Hutchinson, Kansas, and its beautiful 8,500 seat Sports Arena.

The top teams from the sixteen NJCAA regions will begin first round play on Tuesday, March 14th. A total of twenty six games will be played, with the champion slated to be crowned on Saturday night, March 18th.

The weekly NJCAA coaches poll shows Broome Tech of Binghamton, New York and Moberly Junior College of Moberly, Missouri as the co-favorites in the tourney, but they first must get through their regional tournaments unscathed. Parsons Junior College of Parsons, Kansas, won the national tournament last year by edging the Apaches of Tyler Junior College in the final two seconds of the championship game.

The NJCAA official family will also convene at Hutchinson to conduct their annual General Assembly, which is scheduled to begin operations on Tuesday morning and continue on throughout the week. The assembly is responsible for the administration and the shaping of policies which will continue to carry the junior college athletic program on its current high plane.

BROWN RESIGNS AS COMPTON GRID MENTOR

One era has succumbed and another has been conceived. Last month in a brightly lighted room, amid the shuffle of papers and the murmur of official voices, the Board of Trustees at Compton College simultaneously accepted Raymond C. "Tay" Brown's resignation from the post of head football coach and installed him in the new position of Coordinator of Recreation at the Hub City school. Moments later the group named **Charles E. "Chuck" Williams**, assistant coach at Tartarville for the past decade, to fill the vacated post and become the seventh head grid coach in the history of the school.

Tay Brown served 17 years at the helm of the Tartar grid machine. During his career, which was twice interrupted by world military conflicts, his teams won 142 games, lost 32, and tied 9. His teams won 13 conference titles and he is the only coach to direct four teams in the Junior Rose Bowl Classic. He has coached 58 junior college All-Americans, and over 40 of his players have gone on into the pro ranks. In 183 games his teams averaged scoring 24 points per game and the opponents were held to 9 points per game. Only once in his career was one of his teams held scoreless.

JUCO JOTS:

Lindsey Wilson JC of Columbus, Kentucky gained a split on their four game tour of New York State, whipping Erie Tech and Mohawk Valley Tech, while losing to Alfred Tech and Broome Tech. . . **Johnny Griffith**, new head football coach at the University of Georgia, is an alumnus and former coach of South Georgia College. . . LaSalle-Peru-Oglesby JC of LaSalle, Illinois has dropped football. The reason given was insufficient working capital and dwindling attendance. . . **Leland Kendall** has resigned as head football coach at Garden City JC. . . Chris Tolos, onetime coach at Otero JC, has recently been named assistant alumni secretary at Colorado State University. . . The completion of four all-purpose tennis courts at Orlando JC was announced recently by Larry Flora, athletic director. The project is expected to result in an expanded physical education program at the school. . . **Dick Pierucci** has been named head football coach at Sacramento City College, succeeding Chuck Chatfield who moves to Washington State University as an assistant coach.

. . . The Ricks College wrestling squad boasts three former Washington State High school champions, Captain Dennis Warren, Vernon Merkely, and Bill Frederickson. . . All first round games, plus the final of the Region XV basketball tournament at Binghamton, New York, will be televised. In addition the entire tournament will be carried on radio. . . Bethany Lutheran College of Mankato, Minnesota, is the latest of the national cage powers planning a five game tour of New York State. They have already signed contracts to meet Alfred Tech, Broome Tech, Hudson Valley CC, Canton Tech, and Erie Tech in early December of the 61-62 season. . . Chris G. Chachis, Director of Athletics at Orange County CC recently served as chairman of the Community College Workshop at the New York State, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Annual Conference.



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MISSOURI VALLEY



ALMOST ANYTHING could have happened to the Missouri Valley Conference when the presidents, faculty representatives and athletic directors met at a special meeting in St. Louis February 8, because from all indications here indeed was a house in which the members were divided among themselves.

But the overall strength of the conference asserted itself because Commissioner Norval Neve said, after a brief three-hour meeting at the Coronado Hotel, that "we had a frank, harmonious and friendly discussion. Some problems of the conference were resolved and everyone reaffirmed their faith and desire to continue in conference membership."

Norval added that they also clarified the positions of the schools which don't participate in football, with the understanding being that the four universities which do have gridiron teams in the league have no desire to eliminate those which do not.

Tulsa, North Texas State, Cincinnati and Wichita play in the conference's football race. Bradley and Drake have football teams but operate independently, while St. Louis University dropped football in 1949. All seven schools participate in the basketball race and in that sport the league is considered one of the strongest in the nation.

At any rate, Neve wouldn't say whether the football-basketball problem in the conference had been resolved. He did say that "we have clarified our expansion aims and policies" but wouldn't elaborate on that. So it is possible that one or two teams may be added to the league when the brass get together again at the spring meeting in April.

There had been some talk of dividing the league into two divisions, one for basketball and the other for football, but this was nullified, it is believed.

After the brief morning meeting, the league commissioner told newsmen that everything was completed. But the various officials got together again

for an informal get-together that lasted through most of the afternoon. There was no release as to what had transpired at that get-together.

This writer has noticed a strong trend of collegiate officiating this season in which the men in the striped shirts with the quick whistles appear to be favoring the visiting teams.

In years gone by the home court advantage, in so far as points were concerned, would range to as high as 15 points. That's why some teams were absolutely unbeatable in their own gyms.

As an example, Bradley had a home victory string snapped at 46 when it bowed to Drake, Feb. 6. That same night Notre Dame bowed to a weak Michigan State team to snap a streak of 24 straight at home and three games later in the Irish floor Notre Dame again bowed to St. Louis University. And on the last Saturday in February a fired-up Niagara walloped St. Bonaventure, 87-77, to end the Bonnies' 13-year string of 99 consecutive victories at home.

Of course, this isn't taking away anything from the victorious visiting team, but there just isn't any doubt that the officials aren't being swayed by the home crowds as much as they used to be and thus aren't as affected in their calls against the home club.

We feel that the officials are, without question, honest in their calls. But they also are all human and in years gone by the local rah-rah boys have been able to control many of the calls with their cheers and boos. We've seen it happen many, many times.

Coach John Benington's Billikens at St. Louis U. have played some of the finest teams in the nation at Kiel Auditorium and they've probably suffered from this new trend more than most major college teams. As an example in the February 11 game against then third-ranked Bradley the Braves of Coach Chuck Orsburn were charged with 19 fouls while 27 fouls were called against the Billikens. The Billikens, it is true, are very aggressive

defensively. But Bradley is just as aggressive and the Braves went into a full-court press early in the game and seemed to be all over the Billiken ball handlers.

Bradley wound up taking 42 shots from the free throw line as compared to 27 by the Billikens. The Braves, of course, connected on early bonus (one-and-one charity tosses) attempts and St. Louis U. didn't. Quite often the total fouls charged against each team are deceiving at times because often an official will make a bad call against one team, then attempt to even things by calling one against the opposition. Also it's been noted through the years, that some officials appear to try to even foul calls late in the game when the final outcome will not be affected because one of the teams is so far ahead. In 13 home games the Billikens were charged with more fouls than 11 of the visiting teams, and of those the last 10 straight. This is the first time that I've seen such consistent calling in the last decade of covering Billiken basketball in St. Louis.

But it isn't only the fouls that have hurt the Bills on their home court — and it's happened to other teams on their home floors — they've lost the ball a number of times on other calls. Time-and-again officials have anticipated certain moves and they'll call traveling on one team and not on the other, although it's obvious to all that both sides are doing the same thing.

There's no doubt that all officials are just as human as the fans in the stands and they'll make mistakes. There also is no doubt of their honesty — they call them as they see them. But whereas they used to be swayed by the power of the home fans' roars and threats, their overall attitude this season has been one of defiance to local jeers. There's a good side of this, of course, because it takes a lot of pressure off the visiting clubs, but there is no reason why the home club should take a beating, either.

There are many, many good officials and this is not a criticism of their calls. It's just an observation of something which has been so definite this season.

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NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

By JIM BANKS

THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL League (nee National Industrial Basketball League), with a 14-year operating history and a flock of amateur and Olympic honors to back it up, is making aggressive plans to match the unrelenting growth of professional basketball.

"The inroads the professional sports have been making on the American sports scene during post-war years has been both amazing and disconcerting," relates J. Warren Womble, executive director of the NBL. "It is disconcerting from the standpoint of the effect pro activity has had on the major collegiate and amateur programs.

"This situation has yet to 'peak' — particularly where it concerns the sport of basketball," Womble emphasized. "As far as the NBL is concerned, our only choice is to make a determined stand through aggressive expansion planning and recruitment of personnel."

As a starter, NBL sponsors and officials met in Las Vegas Feb. 11 to determine the intent of current sponsors to operate again next year and to lay expansion groundwork. The result:

- the six current sponsors agreed to 1961-62 commitments;
- NBL officials set up expansion machinery calling for the granting of at least two franchises, with interested parties in Buffalo, N. Y., Columbus, O., Fort Wayne, Ind., Louisville, Ky., Houston, Texas, and Las Vegas.

"We are hopeful of announcing new teams following March 24-25 meetings at Denver, Colo." Womble said.

In other Las Vegas action, the sponsors dropped the word "Industrial" from the league title, effective immediately, and elected the following officers:

- George J. Kolowich, Jr., President of the Denver Chicago Trucking Co. of Denver, Colo., to a third term as president;

- Charles E. Bloedorn, Director of Recreation for The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Akron, O., as vice president, succeeding Bud Howard, Business Manager of the Seattle Buchan Bakers; and
- retained J. Warren Womble, Activities Manager for the Caterpillar Tractor Co. of Peoria, Ill., as executive director.

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The 8,500-capacity Public Hall in Cleveland, O., will be the setting for the first National Basketball Championship Tournament, to be played March 28-29-30, it was announced Feb. 14 by George Steinbrenner III, president of the host Cleveland Basketball Club, Inc.

"We believe the responsive sports fans of Northeastern Ohio deserve a fitting reward for their strong season-long support of the Cleveland Pipers and the Akron Goodyears to the south of us," stated Steinbrenner. "For this reason — as well as the hope that the NBL championship tournament will become a permanent fixture — we have arranged for the six league teams to participate in this attractive post-season classic."

Each NBL team will play at least twice during the three days of competition, Steinbrenner explained, with at least two games on the docket for each evening of play. Eastern and Western Division titlists will receive first-round byes.

All league teams will come to the tournament fresh from the week-long National AAU Men's Basketball Championships at Denver, Colo. Based on the fact that 10 of the last 13 AAU championships have been won by NBL teams, it is expected that the winner will be one of the competing teams.

The NBL tournament will not change plans for the NBL Playoffs, scheduled for March 19 at Denver, Steinbrenner said.

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The Akron Goodyears, coached by Hank Vaughn, former University of

Akron star, recently won the Stardust Invitation Basketball Tournament, played in the 9,000-capacity Las Vegas, Nev., Convention Center.

Seeded number one in making its first tournament appearance, the Goodyears didn't disappoint in turning back the Lethbridge (Canada) Broders, 83-68, the Army All-Stars, 85-81, and the Bartlesville Phillips 66ers of the NBL, 82-66, in the title game.

Phillips gained the finals by defeating Los Angeles Kirby's Shoes and the Seattle Buchan Bakers, 75-69. In a tournament upset, Army outraced the fleet Denver D-C Truckers, defending Stardust champions, 90-67. After falling before the Goodyears, the servicemen gained third place trophies with a tight 79-77 win over Seattle.

Ron Horn, 6-6 former University of Indiana star, was named the tournament's most valuable player. He and teammate Andy Brown were voted to an eight-man all-star squad, along with Johnny Cox, Jim Francis and Adrian Smith of the Goodyears, Tom Robitaille and Jerry Shipp of Phillips and Bennie Coffman of Seattle.

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Forward Jack Adams, team captain for the Cleveland Pipers, had himself one of those memorable nights Feb. 15 when he set a new NBL single game scoring record with a 56-point outburst against the Seattle Buchan Bakers.

Hitting on 20 of 34 shots from the field and 16 of 18 foul tries, Adams broke the previous high of 54 points set last year by Dick Boushka of the Wichita Vickers. Oddly enough, Boushka, on an Ohio business team for the Vickers Petroleum Co., was in the stands for the game. Just to show he was in true form, Adams picked off 28 rebounds to tie a Piper record.

Over the season, the former Eastern Kentucky star and 1959 Pan-American team player, has scored 473 points in 22 games, a sparkling 21.5

average. He played with the Peoria Cats last year in the NBL, after two years in service.

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Teams in the NBL are winning one in three games on the road. Records through contests of Feb. 17, show 25 of 75 games won by visiting teams, with three other games contested on neutral courts.

The league-leading Cleveland Pipers (19-6) have the finest road record, a 6-3 mark, with eight games to go on the away slate.

The Denver D-C Truckers, pacing the Eastern Division with a 16-10 record, have a nine-game winning streak going as of Feb. 19, with seven of these wins recorded on the road and at the expense of every team in the league. The Truckers, coached by Johnny Dee, former University of Alabama coach, play their last eight games at Denver, leaving the club eyeing several records for consecutive wins.

As of Feb. 22, the Truckers hold a near-unsurmountable 6½-game lead over the second-place Phillips 66ers (10-17) in Western Division play. Denver has eight games remaining to play, Phillips seven.

In the east, Cleveland has the division title all but "locked" with a seven-game edge over the New York Tuck Tapers (13-14) with nine games to play. The Pipers play seven of these games on the road, but it is of little concern to Coach Johnny McLendon. New York is on the road too. The Tapers play five of seven remaining games in opposition fieldhouses.

The above constitutes an impressive object example for those coaches who trumpet the cause for astute scheduling practice.

ROCKY MTS.

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olis. A none-judge scoring system was used rather than the NCAA-style four-judge set-up and the Falcons suffered their first loss, 62-50, to the Gophers.

In the wrestling world Wyoming's head coach Dr. Everett D. Lantz was presented the "Coach of the Year" award for his efforts with the Cowboys team.

Coach Lantz, who is the third winner of the most coveted coaching prize in collegiate grapple circles, has built Wyoming into a national powerhouse since taking over in 1936.

The lastest Wyoming victory was a 33-0 conquest of New Mexico at Laramie. Sophomore Clair Argento (137) extended his winning streak to eight straight and sophomore Dave Wight (157) has racked up seven in a row after a single loss.

POTENTIAL RECORD BREAKERS

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2:04.4; 2:10; 2:00.6; 2:00.1 and 1:59 on two occasions in the mile medley relay prior to the State Meet.

Rick's failure to commence his kick sooner cost him a victory in the half-mile in the State Meet. His second place time was 1:59.9 against 1:59.7 for the winning senior. It was not all bitter as he managed to anchor our mile relay team that placed third in the time of 3:24.7 which clinched the title for us. He ran his leg in 49 flat and was told it would take a 50.0 effort before the race.

Haley's workout schedule last year consisted of interval work in sets of 440's, 220's, 660's, and occasional ¾ miles runs in early season.

For the 1961 season his daily schedule will be along the same lines but his pace times will be faster with a longer rest period between.

In meets, we again hope to use him in the 880, mile, and mile medley relays with the possibility of an open quarter in early season meets.

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THE MOVE TO FIRST BASE

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ing first base, are added. A batter is also used, but he does not swing at the pitches. (See Figure Two.)

The first runner in line leads off from first, and the pitcher can make a pick-off attempt if he desires. If he does not, and pitches to the catcher, the runner must attempt a steal. The catcher then throws the runner out, or tries to, with the second baseman and shortstop alternately covering second. The pitcher, of course, tries to hold the runners close to first, so that they will always be out at second. If he can pick a runner off, so much the better. The defense is credited with a point for each runner picked off first by the pitcher, and the offense receives a point for each successful steal of second. In order to make the contest even, the coach may specify an additional point for the defense in case two, or possibly three runners in succession are thrown out stealing.

Since the runners are compelled to run on every pitch, they will attempt to "key" the pitcher as much as possible, in order to get the maximum possible jump. This will make the pitcher conscious of the mechanics of his stretch, and help him develop a good pick-off throw as well. This drill is also a good offensive and defensive stolen base drill.

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Columbia Bicycles of Westfield, Massachusetts — oldest manufacturer of bikes in the country and founder of the American Bicycle Industry — have just announced a cycle exerciser which will be on sale throughout the country this Fall. Although there are other cycle exercisers on the market — both foot-operated and motorized — the new Columbia machine has several interesting and exclusive features.

There is a clock timer with bell signal on the handlebar in addition to speedometer and "mileage" indicator. The timer is a great convenience in gauging the daily exercise stint. Wheel hub is free-wheeling instead of fixed, eliminating possible ankle injury due to pedals continuing motion when rider dismounts. The friction idler which controls "work load" for amount of exercise is positioned with instead of against wheel rotation, providing another, more uniform motion. Located forward of fork it is out of the way of leg action. Another exclusive feature is the double reinforced drop-out rear leg section designed for extra strength plus compact storage and shipping.

The value of such equipment in hospitals and health centers is obvious for therapy in restoration of normal body action after disabling injuries and diseases. Cycle exercisers have been widely endorsed by medical and health authorities not only for weight control but as a practical supplement for daily exercise to tone muscles and provide the extra more vigorous exercise which increases the rate of breathing, circulation and heart action beyond the normal.

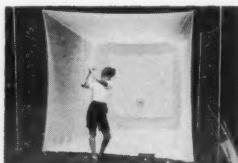
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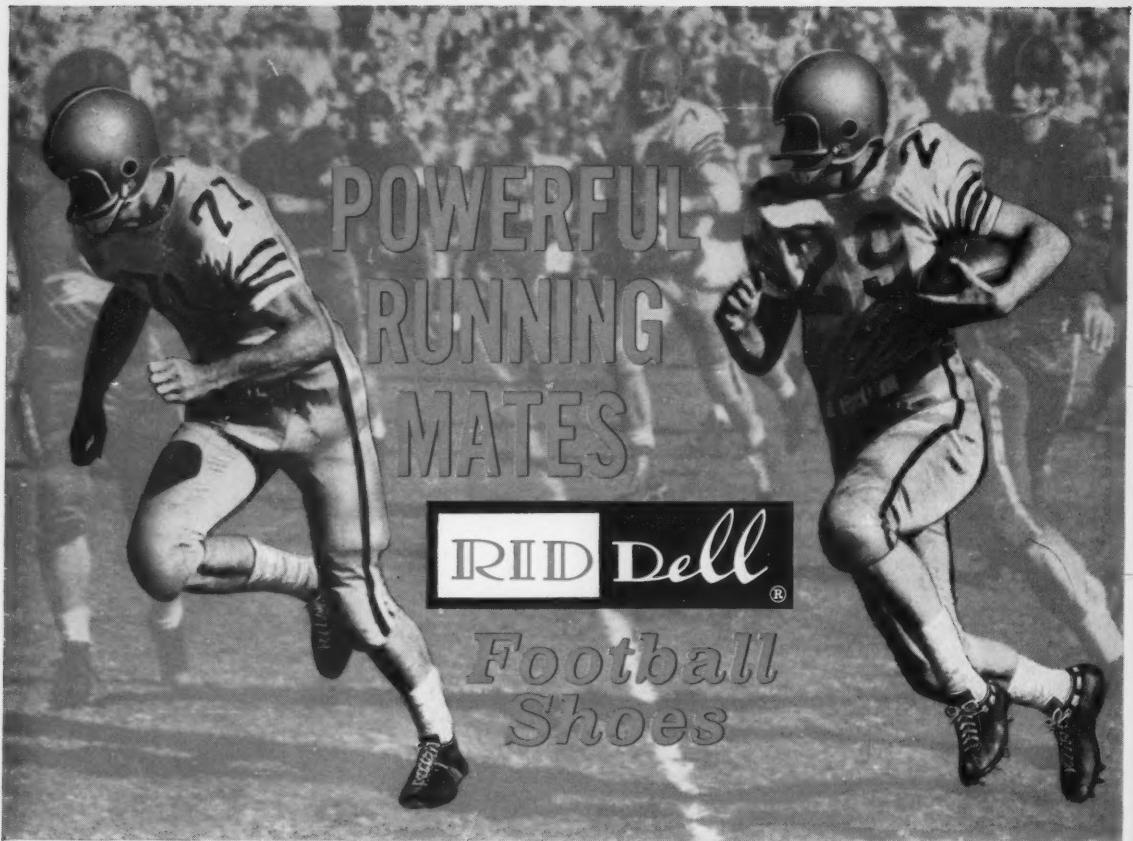
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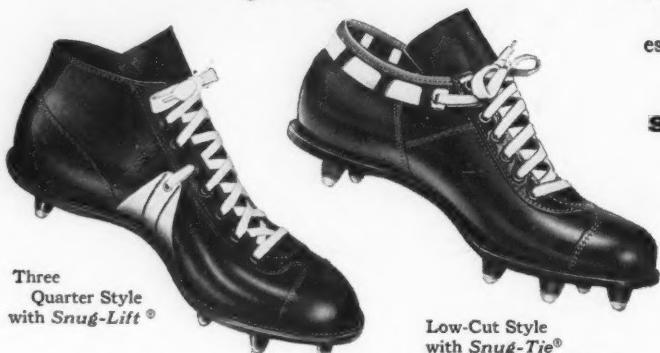
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